

THE GEOGRAPHY OF ANCIENT GREECE.

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- Odysseus- (King-Warrior) after major battle of Trojan War bad mouths Greek God Poseidon, and will spend the next 10 years trying to get home.
- This brave sailor is actually the hero of the ODYSSEY, a poem by the Greek poet Homer.
- The Odyssey is called an epic. **What is an epic?** A long adventure poem.
- The poem was about his adventure trying to get home along the way he met and survived.
 - Cyclops- a one eyed monster
 - Charybdis- (kuh-RIHB-dihs) a murderous whirlpool.

- After 10 long years Odysseus makes it back the land he calls home Greece.

- The geography of Greece has played a big role in the development of the country.
 - High very rugged mountains
 - Mostly narrow valleys
 - Jagged coastline-meaning not a lot of long straight areas along the coast.
 - But has many harbors- GOOD thing!

- Most of Greece is a peninsula. **What is a peninsula?** Land surrounded by water on three sides.