

## Chapter 7.1 AND 7.2 ANCIENT GREEKS

### Terms to Know

1. **peninsula** a piece of land nearly surrounded by water
2. **bard** someone who writes or performs epic poems or stories about heroes and their deeds
3. **colony** a group of people living in a new territory with close ties to their homeland; the new territory itself
4. **polis** a Greek city-state
5. **agora** a gathering place or marketplace in ancient Greece
6. **phalanx** a group of armed foot soldiers in ancient Greece arranged close together in rows
7. **tyrant** an absolute ruler unrestrained by law
8. **oligarchy** a government in which a small group has control
9. **democracy** a government by the people, a form of government in which citizens govern themselves
10. **helots** enslaved people in ancient Sparta
11. **epic**: a long poem that tells a story.
12. **acropolis**: a high, rocky hill on or near which early people built cities.
13. **city-state**: a city with its own traditions and its own government and laws; both a city and a separate independent state.
14. **aristocrat**: a member of a rich and powerful family.
15. **tyrant**: a ruler who takes power with the support of the middle and working classes; not necessarily cruel and violent.