

# Greece



» ONE DAY ZEUS WILL SHATTER THIS USELESS CROSS WITH HIS MIGHTY THUNDERBOLT.



## 2,500 Years Past Its Prime

Ancient Greece was the birthplace of art, science, democracy, medicine, poetry, and philosophy. Today, however, the nation has more important things to do than contribute to the advancement of the human race.

Modern Greeks have bills to pay and families to provide for. Sure, they would love to sit around all day deducing things and studying triangles, but unfortunately, triangles don't cut it in the real world. There is work to be done, and the less time one spends contemplating his own existence, the faster he can get home.

With 20% of the population living in poverty, most citizens are more worried about putting food on the table than developing entire mathematical systems to judge spatial distance. In fact, the only equation the Greeks have produced in the past 2,000 years is that time equals money.

Even if citizens had the energy to construct towering marvels of architecture or document 40 years of history when they got home from work, by the time they were done, they would be unemployed and divorced. And in the 21st century, the Socratic method can't put the kids through college.

Although present-day Greeks have not gotten around to making any lasting cultural achievements, they point out that if their ancient ancestors had rising mortgage rates to deal with, perhaps we wouldn't have physics today.

### PEOPLE » THE CHILDREN OF ZEUS AND SOME GOAT HE FUCKED

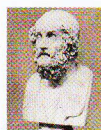
The people of Greece were once ruled by the gods of Mt. Olympus, whom they worshipped, prayed to, and occasionally had sex with. Today, however, most Greeks have turned away from mighty Zeus, instead choosing to follow Jesus Christ, who has never thrown a single thunderbolt in his life, and whose only power is Sin-Forgiving.

Greeks are known for their love of food, as one cannot meet a Greek person without being offered something to eat, something to drink, a menu, your choice of seating, and the day's specials. They accept nothing other than cash in return for their goodwill.

The Greeks' success in the diner industry is logical, as they have a reputation for being a hospitable and generous people, especially with the cucumber sauce.

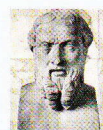


### GREEKS » THE FOUNDERS OF FOUNDING STUFF



Homer, Epic Poet

Passed down The Odyssey through oral tradition, though most texts omit his constant utterances of "Wait, wait, this is the best part!"



Herodotus, Historian

Invented history when he remembered something that happened last week and then wrote it down.



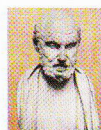
Socrates, Philosopher

Father of the annoying question. Little is known about Socrates, as no one could ever get a straight answer out of him.



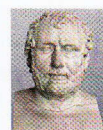
Aristophanes, Playwright

Developed the comic techniques of satire, the callback, and the Rule of Three. And the callback.



Hippocrates, Physician

Wrote the Hippocratic Oath, which laid the foundation for modern medical malpractice.



Cleisthenes, Politician

Created democracy, a form of government in which all power is directly controlled by the people, and which sadly has been lost to time.

### MYTHIC FACTS »

LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH: Mustache asphyxiation

TOP OCCUPATION: Guy who washes graffiti off Parthenon

BAKLAVA AVAILABILITY: High to Very High

INVENTIONS: Science, art, philosophy, sodomy, Grecian Formula

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: EU, WTO, ΣΦΑ

NATIONAL SEX POSITIONS: The one where the goat is on top

CHRONICLERS OF GREEK CULTURE: Herodotus (460–425 B.C.), Thucydides (424–395 B.C.), Nia Vardalos (2002–present)

DEBT: \$150 billion (after 50% discount for creating civilization)