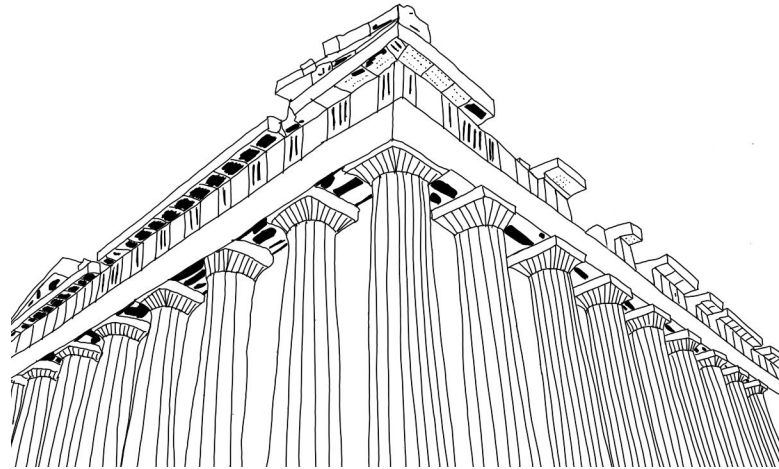




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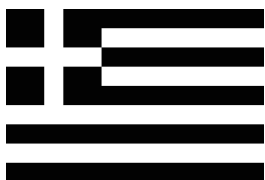


Another important date

Greece and Cyprus celebrate Oxi Day on October 28. Oxi means “no” in Greek and refers to October 28, 1940, when the Greek Prime Minister, Ioannis Metaxas, refused to let Axis forces occupy Greek territory.

In response, Italian troops in Albania attacked the Greek border. And so Greece entered World War II.

Oxi Day celebrations are similar to Independence Day, with parades and displays of the Greek flag.

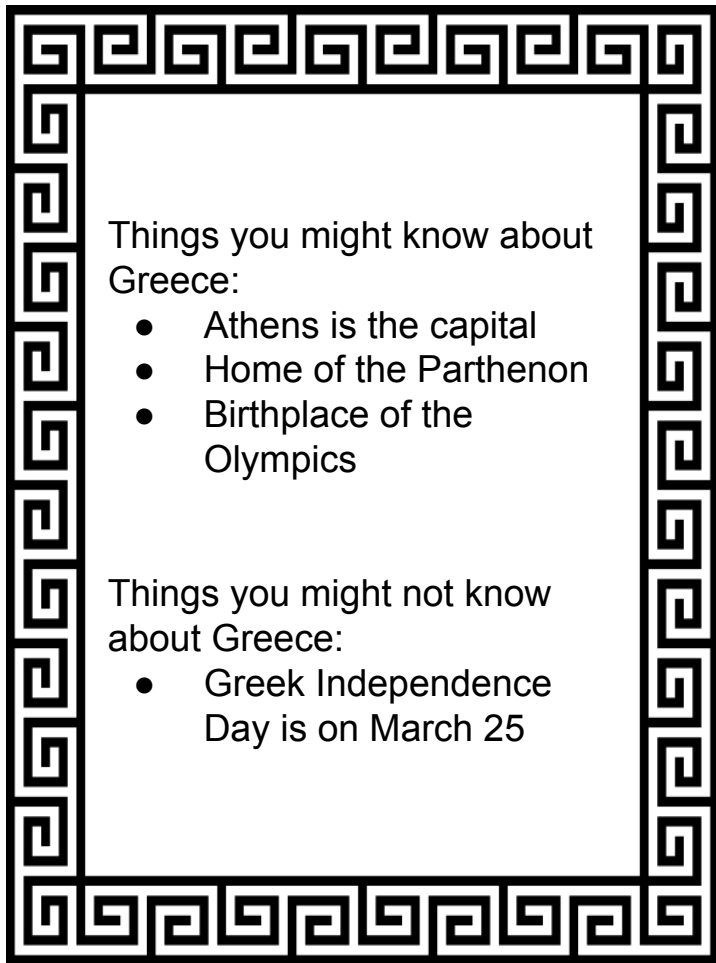


From 1453 to 1821, Greece was part of the Ottoman Empire, which controlled parts of Southeastern Europe, Western Asia, and Northern Africa.



Dark gray areas note the Ottoman Empire in 1800.

On March 25, 1821, the Greek Revolution started and continued until 1832.



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Greece celebrates Independence Day on March 25. Traditional celebrations in Greek towns and villages include school parades, where children wear traditional Greek costumes and carry Greek flags. In Athens, there's an armed forces parade.



March 25, 2021, marks 200 years since Greece declared war.

To honor Greece's independence, landmarks around the world will light up in blue and white (the colors of Greece's flag) in cities including:

- San Francisco
- Los Angeles
- Boston
- Chicago
- Toronto
- Vancouver
- Sydney
- Johannesburg