

# Regions

Areas on the Earth that share

SIMILAR characteristics

Physical Regions

Cultural Regions

Areas that share similar

NATURAL

Characteristics

Mountains  
Climate  
Vegetation

Areas that share similar

HUMAN

Characteristics

Language  
Religious Beliefs  
Customs

## Mediterranean Sea Region

Is an example of a PHYSICAL region.

- Countries located NEAR the Mediterranean Sea.
- Area experiences a similar CLIMATE
- The countries share similar VEGETATION

Cyprus is divided into two Cultural regions separated by the United Nations Buffer Zone also known as the GREEN Line.

<b>Republic of Cyprus</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Country since 1960</li> <li>• Greek Cypriots</li> <li>• Population 700,000</li> </ul>
<b>Northern Cyprus</b> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Also known as the Turkish National Republic of Cyprus since 1983 (not recognized by international community) Control about 1/3 of the Island</li> <li>• Under the Military Occupation of Turkey since the Turkish intervention in 1974</li> <li>• Turkish Cypriots</li> </ul>

**Ya Sas (Greek)**



**Merhaba (Turkish)**

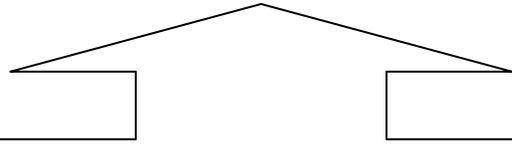
Cyprus come from Greek word Kypros meaning land of cypress trees. Word for metal "copper" (*cuprum*) comes from Latin word "metal of Cyprus".

## The Geography Theme

# PLACE

Answers the Question:

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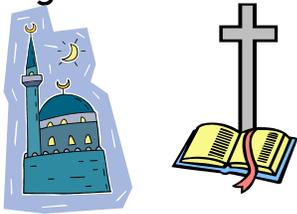


A Place is defined by its:

Physical = Natural characteristic

Human = Cultural characteristics

## Cyprus's Physical and Human Characteristics

<p><b>Landforms</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Cyprus is an <u>ISLAND</u></li> <li>2. Two mountain ranges <u>KYRENIA</u> in the north and the Troodos in the <u>SOUTH</u>.</li> <li>3. Between the mountains lies a broad <u>FERTILE</u> plain called the Mesaoria.</li> <li>4. The forest covers about <u>32%</u> of the island.</li> <li>5. Mostly surrounded by <u>COASTAL VALLEYS</u> with good soil for agriculture.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Climate</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mediterranean climate Summers = hot and <u>DRY</u> Winters = <u>MILD</u> and rainy</li> <li>2. Cyprus is the <u>DRIEST</u> island in the Mediterranean.</li> <li>3. Averages <u>326</u> days of sunshine a year.</li> <li>4. <u>SNOW</u> falls on the mountains in the winter.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Major Religions:</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>RELIGION</u> plays a defining role in the lives of Cypriots</li> <li>2. <u>80 %</u> of the people in Cyprus are Greek Orthodox Christians.</li> <li>3. 18 % follow Islam and are referred to as <u>MUSLIMS</u>.</li> <li>4. Muslims worship in a building called a <u>MOSQUE</u>.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Major Languages:</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>GREEK</u> spoken by Greek Cypriots</li> <li>2. Turkish is spoken in <u>TURKISH</u> Cyprus</li> <li>3. English is widely spoken and taught in school.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Popular Foods</b></p> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Famous <u>HALLOUMI</u> cheese.</li> <li>2. <u>MEZE</u> is short for mezedes "little delicacies".</li> <li>3. Shoushoukko is a rubbery candy made from <u>GRAPE</u> juice.</li> <li>4. <u>COFFEE</u> is a popular drink</li> <li>5. <u>OLIVES</u> and its production has played an important role in the diet, economy, religious ceremonies, habits and customs of the Cypriots</li> </ol>

## Way of Life: Rural (Villages)



1. **AGRICULTURE**: such as olives, grapes, citrus fruit and produce, and **POTATOES**.
2. Herders of mountain **GOATS** and sheep.
3. Rural families are very **SELF-SUFFICIENT** - - produce almost everything they need.

## Way of Life: Urban (Cities)



1. Largest town is Lefkosia (Nicosia), the capital, in the **CENTER** of the island.
2. Nicosia is the only **DIVIDED** capital city.
3. Most of the population lives in **COASTAL** cities/towns.
4. **TOURISM** is a very important part of the economy

## Customs



1. Greeks and Turkish Cypriots share many customs, but **IDENTIFY** is tied to religion, language and close ties with motherlands.
2. **FAMILY** is extremely important to both the Turkish Cypriot and the Greek Cypriot
3. Shops close from 2-5 pm daily.
4. Favorite past time of men- visit the **COFFEE SHOPS** and play backgammon (tavali).
5. Dancing is usually done **SEPARATELY** by men and women.
6. Most of shopping is done on **MARKET** days.
7. **LACEMAKING** and woodworking are examples of folk crafts in Cyprus.
8. There are many celebrations and **FESTIVALS** in Cyprus.
9. **NAME DAY** (Greek Cypriots) is more important than a birthday.