

Thesis: Our school participates in an Erasmus+ project. The students from the partner schools may know some elements of the ancient Greece but it is possible that they are not fully aware of the modern Greece. Write an essay of about 250-300 words to introduce your country to the students from abroad, under the title “Greece: past, present and future”.

1. Greece in the past, present and future

Chrysoula Ziaka

When we refer to ‘Greece’ most people think about ancient Greece and they might not have any idea of the modern life in our country. Some students maybe have traveled in our country before but this isn’t enough to see a country in depth.

Starting from the past, Greece isn’t so much famous about its battles or its politics but everyone recognizes the magnificent masterpieces, statues and temples. As for the intellectuality of ancient Greek mathematics or astronomy, all these contribute to the development of the glorious unique Greek civilization. Many great artists and philosophers such as Socrates, Homer, Pythagoras, Euripides and so many others, are known to our modern world. In addition, we can’t forget our latest history: the remarkable revolution and victory against the Ottoman Empire and the fight against the German occupation during the Second World War.

Nowadays our country faces some serious problems, as it happened many times in the past. Some Greek values, such as hospitality is in question and it has turned into xenophobia, after the huge number of immigrants and refugees who arrive in our country every day. Also another problem that our country has to deal with for the last ten years is the financial crises. However, all these difficult situations have never discouraged Greek people to fight for the benefit of Greece. Another factor that really helps Greece is its geographical place. Our country unites the three continents, Asia, Africa and Europe. Therefore it is called “the Crossroad of the Continents”.

In the future, the Greeks believe that our country will overcome this difficult financial situation and hope for the best. Although our educational system provides students with the appropriate qualifications for their future job there is an increase in unemployment and many young scientists go abroad seeking for better job opportunities. I believe

the European Community and the Greek Government will help to find solution to this problem.

Taking into consideration all the above, I think we should be optimistic about the future of our country. I hope you meet Greece through the eyes of a teenager student who worries and cares about her country. Enjoy your stay here in Greece and try to take a taste of the interesting ancient and modern Greek civilization and culture.

2. Greece: Past-Present-Future

Charis Paximadakis

Except for ancient Greece that the children who participate in the Erasmus program may know, it is very important to get informed about the present of our country, through our own eyes.

The real story of our country is neither the wars nor the political situation that most of the people think, but the civilization. Since the ancient years the Greeks have been important thinkers and creators. Furthermore, they are great advocates of beauty and spirit. These unique characteristics have been handed down from generation to generation till today. We mustn't forget that the ancient Greeks loved philosophy and science. The ancient Greeks formulated many scientific theories and have contributed immensely to today's science.

Nowadays Greece is one of the most popular holiday destinations in the world with the island of Santorini being in first place among peoples preferences. We must not ignore the fact that in the 21st century Greece welcomed a great number of immigrants. Students are taught that they must respect each other regardless of their first sight it seems as if there are many differences between people the bottom line is that we are all equal treatment. Last but not least the Greeks are well known for their hospitality, the love for their country and love for education.

However, the future of Greece will not be the same. The constant influx of refugees definitely changed the composition of society and it will change further in the future. The great advancement of technology has also affected society and if it continues to do so the results will be negative.

In a nutshell, Greece has changed dramatically from the past until the present. Most of these changes are negative and as Greeks we must be proud of our past and our national heritage and we must preserve it.

3. GREECE: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Christos Noulas

Greece is known for its history and its ancient civilization that contributed to the evolution of humanity. Like many other countries, Greece belongs to the European Union and it is technologically and culturally developed, even though it is facing some difficulties. The thing we know for sure is that Greece has made radical changes from the past till now.

In the past, Greece was one of the most important countries as it has to do with its army and culture. Even though several countries were more powerful, with bigger army and well known for their political issues, Greece stayed in history for its brilliant scientists, artists, authors, poets etc. which contributed to the evolution of humanity. Finally, Greeks were also known for their pride and bravery.

According to the present, everyday life in Greece has changed a lot, since we have lent the lifestyle from other countries, which obviously does not match ours at all. Technology has also become a part of our everyday life, affecting every aspect. In addition to that, since economic crisis started around 2010, Greece has severely suffered from the effects. In my opinion, these are the main reasons why Greece is facing poverty nowadays. Since we, Greek people, have figured out how to escape from misery by using all the sources that Mother Nature has provided us with, tourism has become the most powerful source of money.

Future is unpredictable but according to the past, the present and all the situations and the difficulties that we have been through, we can make some small but smart moves to make it better. I truly want to believe that things are going to change. I hope that one day we will get through economic crisis and leave from this miserable situation. I believe that everyone is as optimistic as me.

To conclude, Greece was always an important country. We face some difficulties but we will get through it with patience. I hope that future will be better for Greek people. Finally, I hope that the participants of Erasmus learnt more things about Greece.