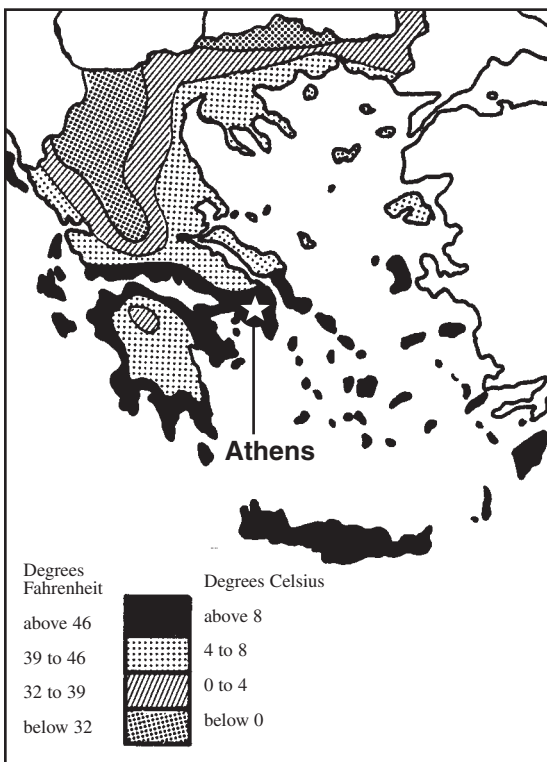


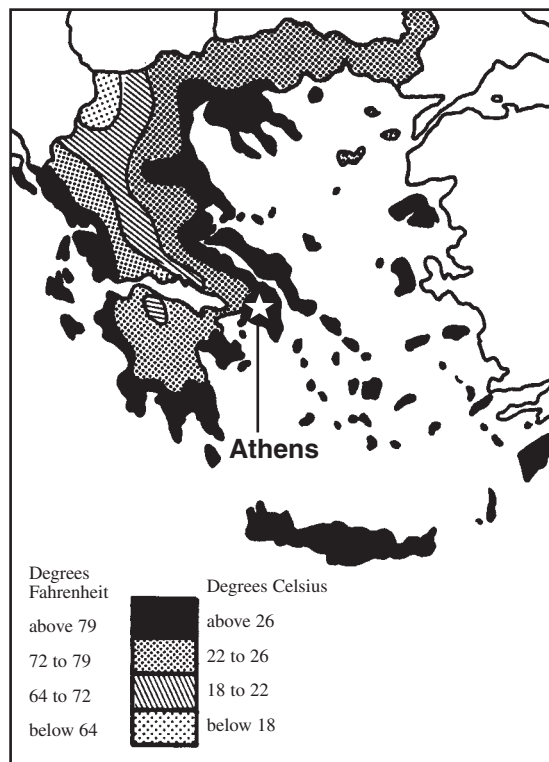
The Climate of Greece and the Aegean Sea

The mainland of Greece and the Greek islands have what is called a Mediterranean climate, from the name of the sea. Most of the rain falls in the winter, so the summers are very hot and dry. Westerly winds bring much rain to the western coast of Greece. However, the systems lose much of their rain in rising above the interior mountains, so the eastern regions of Greece are drier.

Here are two maps of Greece showing the average temperatures in January (winter) and July (summer). Use the maps to answer the questions below.



January



July

1. What is the average difference in temperature in Athens between January and July? _____
2. Where are the warmest places in Greece in July? _____
3. Where are the warmest places in January? _____

What pattern do you see? _____

4. What portion of Greece seems to be the coldest in both months? _____

What pattern do you see? _____