**Chapter 11: Europe**

**Section 2 Vocabulary**

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| **New Word** | **Definition** |
| democracy | a government in which the citizens make political decisions, either directly |
| Peloponnesus | the peninsula in southern Greece where Sparta was located |
| city-state | a political unit made up of a city and its surrounding lands |
| tyrant | someone who takes power illegally |
| oligarchy | a government ruled by a few powerful individuals |
| republic | a government in which citizens elect representatives to rule in their name |
| patrician | a wealthy land-owner who held a high government position in ancient Rome |
| plebeian | a commoner who was allowed to vote but not hold government office in ancient Rome |
| isolate | to cut off or set apart from a group |
| monarchy | a type of government in which a ruling headed by a king or queen holds political power |