

NORTH AFRICA

ALGERIA

HISTORY

- Berbers
- Occupied by outside groups
 1. Phoenicians (Lebanon)
 2. Romans
 3. Arabs
 4. Spanish
 5. Local Pirates
 6. Ottoman Turks
 7. France

PEOPLE

- 90% live near coasts (north) called the "Tell"
- Today:
 - 75% Arab
 - 24% Berber
 - European
- Muslim
- More than $\frac{1}{2}$ live in cities
- About $\frac{1}{3}$ are farmers
- Live with their extended families
- Some desert dwellers are nomads

GEOGRAPHY

- Sahara covers large amount of land in south (85%)
- Atlas Mountains in north
- provided easy access to markets of Europe
- Souqs - open air markets
- Casbahs - older parts of cities
- terraces used for farming
- Dates and citrus fruits grown in the desert oasis towns

ALGERIA TODAY

- Languages: Arabic, Berber, French (Tamazight)
- 3% of land used for Agriculture
- 13% for pasture
- Oil and natural gas - 2 main resources
- Gov't has worked hard to improve education