

A photograph of a flooded urban street in Genoa, Italy. The street is filled with muddy water and debris, including a white car partially submerged. The buildings are multi-story and have balconies. The text "NATURAL DISASTERS" is overlaid in large orange letters, and "THE FLOOD IN GENOA" is overlaid in smaller blue letters below it.

**NATURAL
DISASTERS**
THE FLOOD IN GENOA

GENOA

An aerial photograph of Genoa, Italy, showing the city built on a hillside overlooking the sea. The harbor is filled with ships, and a large bridge is visible in the foreground. The city is densely packed with buildings, and the surrounding area is green and hilly.

• Genoa is a beautiful city and an important seaport in northern Italy, the capital of the Province of Genoa and of the region of Liguria. The city has a population of about

• The city's rich in art, music, architecture and history. In 2004 it was called the **Capital of Culture.**



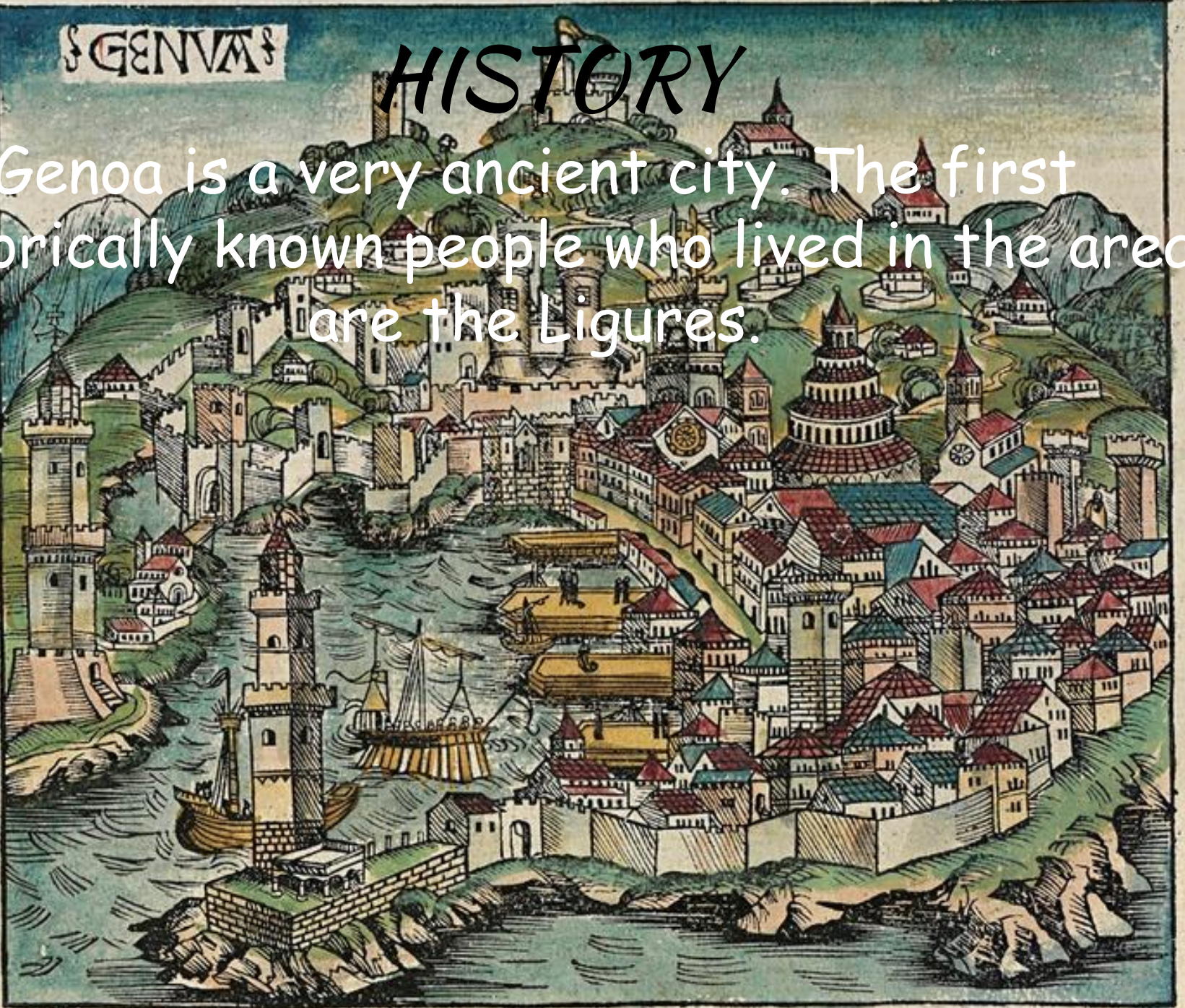




GENOVA

HISTORY

- Genoa is a very ancient city. The first historically known people who lived in the area are the Ligures.



WEATHER

Genoa has a Mediterranean climate and the wettest months are October and November.



Heavy Storms And Flooding Have Battled Northwestern Italy



On Friday, November, 4 the Italian port city of Genoa was hit by floods during heavy rainfall.

Up to 500 millimetres (20 inches) of rain fell in just a few hours overnight.



• **Six people were killed, including two children by the flood.**



Over 50 people were saved from the floods by firemen in rubber boats



Cars float in a
Genoa streets.
Lots of broken
cars block the
streets in the
centre of the city.





• Hundreds of shops and buildings were flooded. Schools and museums were closed for a few days.





• Bridges were destroyed and trains blocked. The local airport was closed.





• Mud poured down from the hills sweeping away the fishing villages.





• The local government held a minute's silence on Wednesday for those who lost their lives in the floods.