

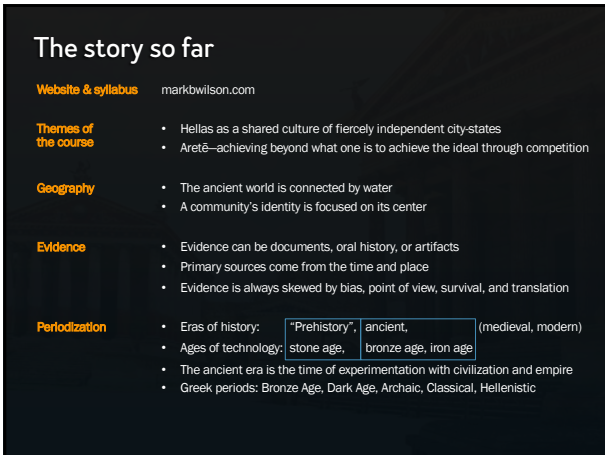


HISTORY OF ANCIENT GREECE

Meeting 2 **Dawn of the Aegean**

- Geography of the Aegean
- Bronze Age cultures
- The Minoans
- The Mycenaean
- The Fall of the Bronze Age

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The story so far

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Themes of the course

- Hellas as a shared culture of fiercely independent city-states
- Areté—achieving beyond what one is to achieve the ideal through competition

Geography

- The ancient world is connected by water
- A community's identity is focused on its center

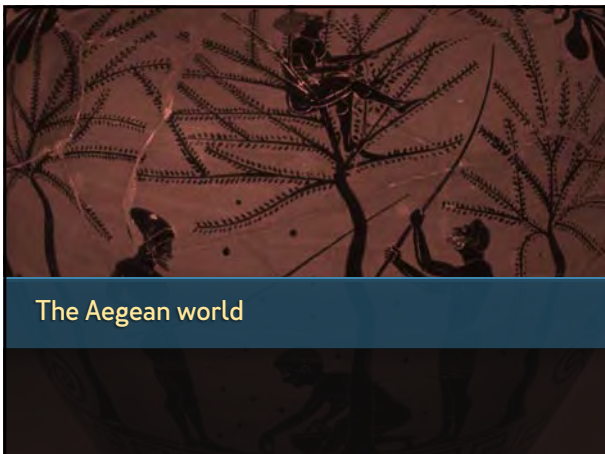
Evidence

- Evidence can be documents, oral history, or artifacts
- Primary sources come from the time and place
- Evidence is always skewed by bias, point of view, survival, and translation

Periodization

- Eras of history: "Prehistory", ancient, (medieval, modern)
- Ages of technology: stone age, bronze age, iron age
- The ancient era is the time of experimentation with civilization and empire
- Greek periods: Bronze Age, Dark Age, Archaic, Classical, Hellenistic

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The Aegean world

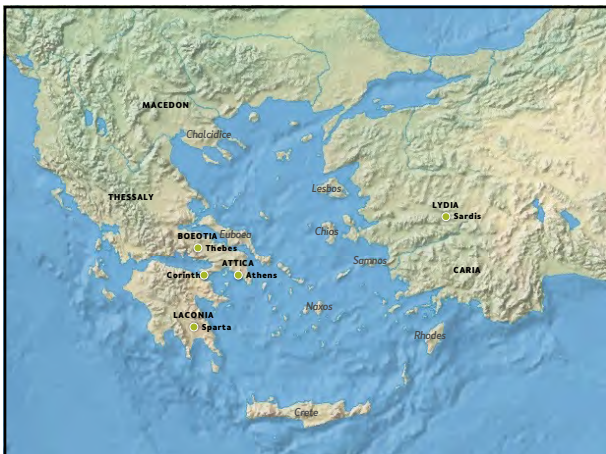
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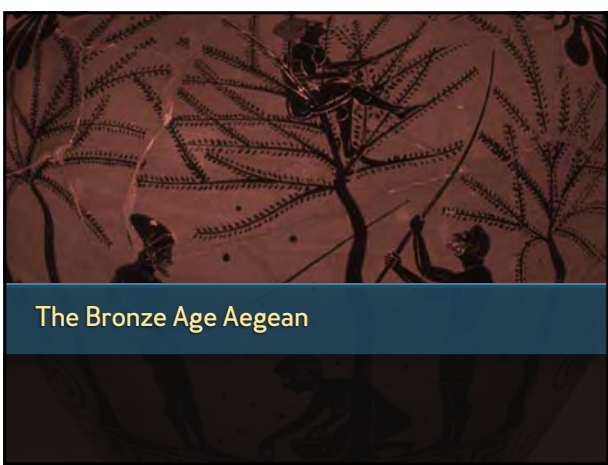
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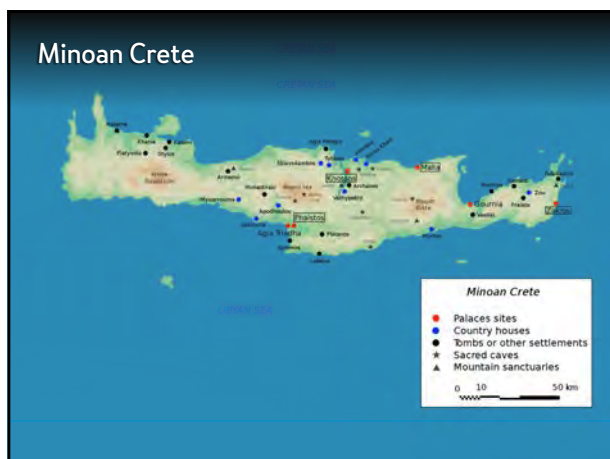
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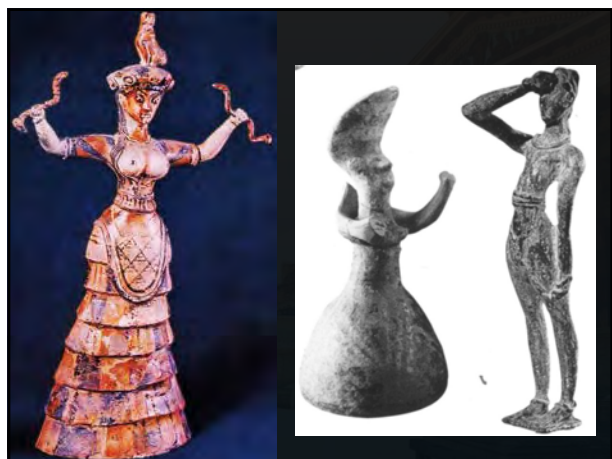
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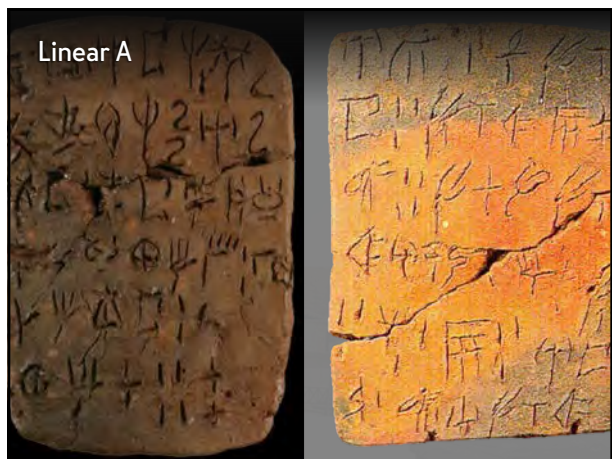
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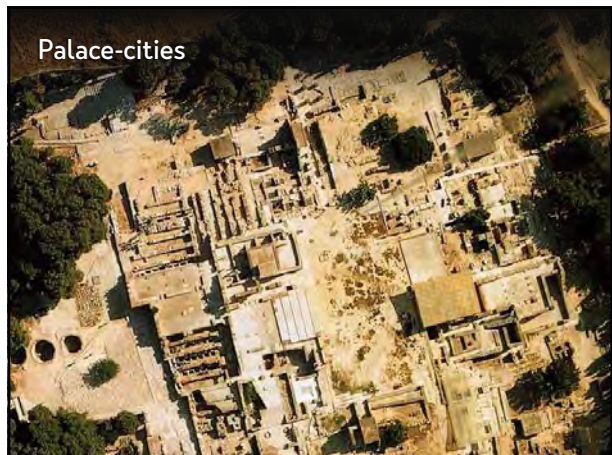


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Linear A

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Palace-cities

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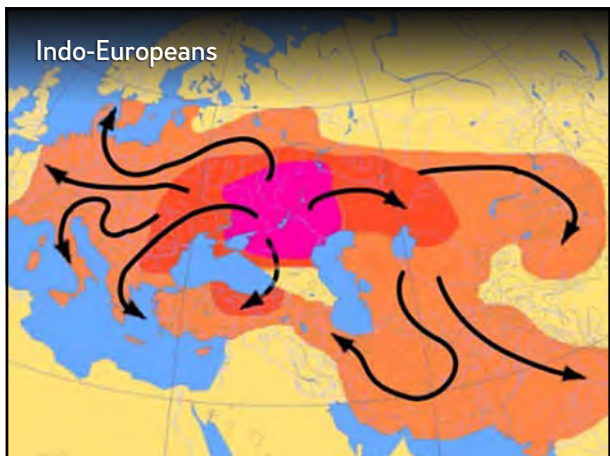
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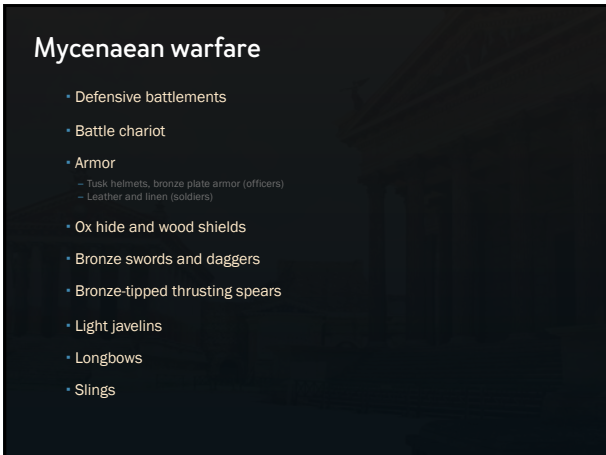


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Mycenaean warfare

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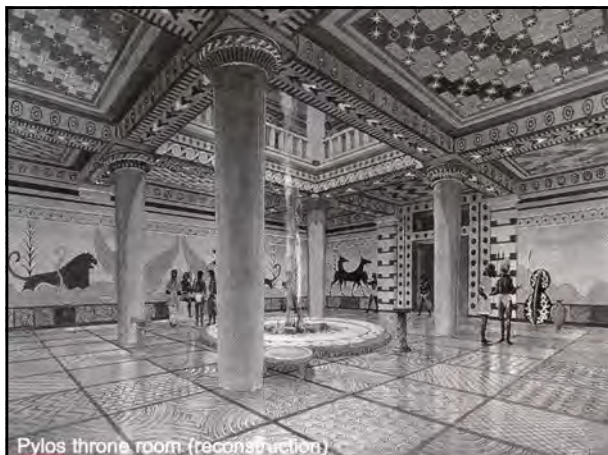


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"Lion Gate" at Mycenae

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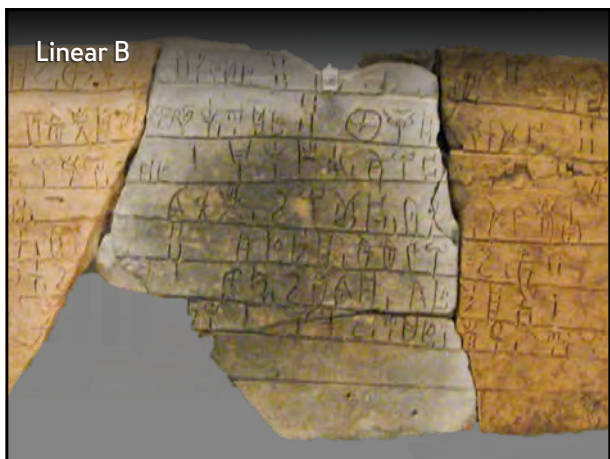
Pylos throne room (reconstruction)

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"Treasury of Atreus"

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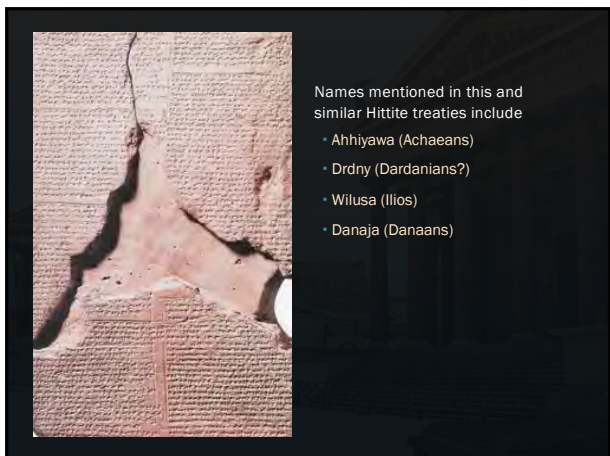
Linear B

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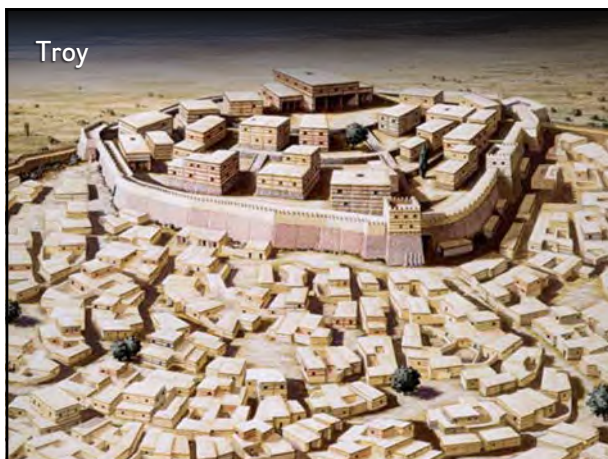


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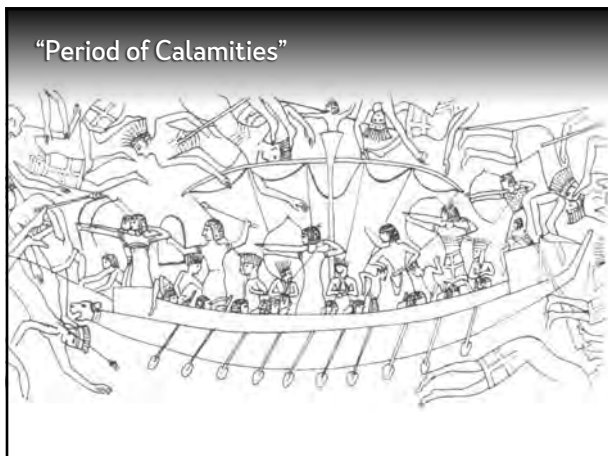
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Collapse of the Bronze Age

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“Period of Calamities”

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