


# Ancient Greece

## Aegean Bronze Age 3000-1100 BC



 Greece in the Bronze Age. Three distinctive civilizations—Cycladic, Minoan, and Mycenaean—developed around the Aegean Sea in the third and second millennia B.C.E.

**Key concept**  
Time, place and space

**Related Concepts**  
Culture, Interdependence

**Global Context & Explorations**

Orientation in space and time

*Peoples, Boundaries, Exchange and interaction*





# Aegean civilization

is a general term for the Bronze Age civilizations of Greece around the Aegean Sea.

There are **three** distinct interacting and interconnected geographic regions associated with this term:



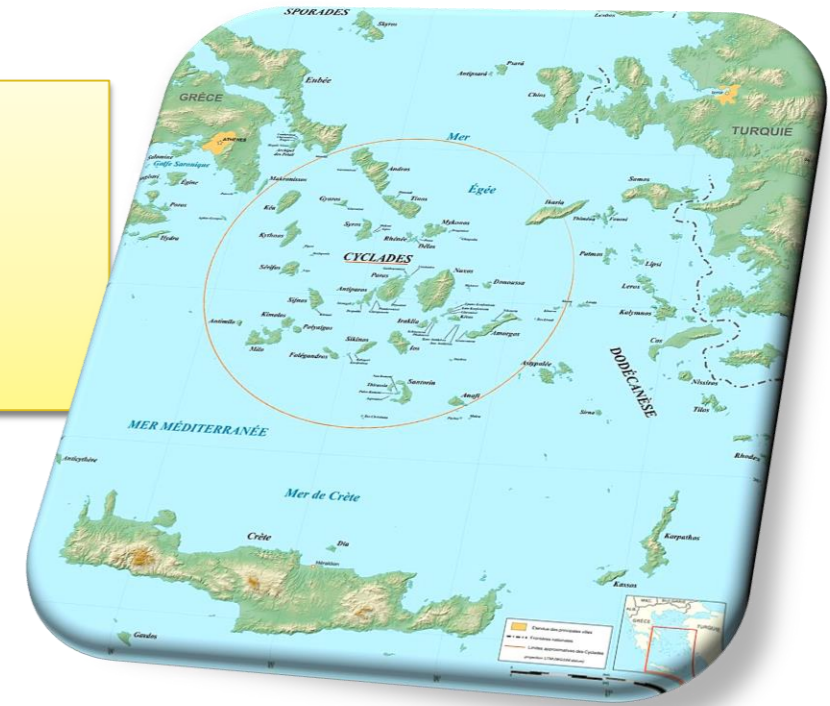
**Statement of Inquiry**

**Culture is shaped by**

- geographical position
- time
- interaction of people
- the exchange of ideas and goods

# Cycladic culture

**Cycladic culture** (also known as **Cycladic civilization**) was a **Bronze Age** culture (c. 3200–c. 1050 BC) found throughout the islands of the **Cyclades** in the **Aegean Sea**.



**Sample a piece of culture**

Cycladic Society | A Video Poem

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erl8R-LfHlg&feature=emb\\_logo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=erl8R-LfHlg&feature=emb_logo)



<https://cycladic.gr/en/page/kikladiki-techni#>



# Minoan culture



**Starting from the beginning of the Early Bronze Age (3rd and 2nd millennium BC), Crete developed a distinctive cultural idiom which is widely known as Minoan, after Minos, the legendary king of Knossos. The wealth of Crete in terms of raw materials, the variety of rocks and minerals combined with its favorable geographical position contributed to the cultural development and prosperity of the island.**

- **Cities with well-organized administration**
- **monumental architecture**
- **wall painting and vase painting of excellent quality, have been excavated across the island.**



## Murals in Knossos and Akrotiri

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8TuOrsLdt8&vl=el>

## Phaistos Disc

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PztMnZmsknU>



# Mycenaean culture

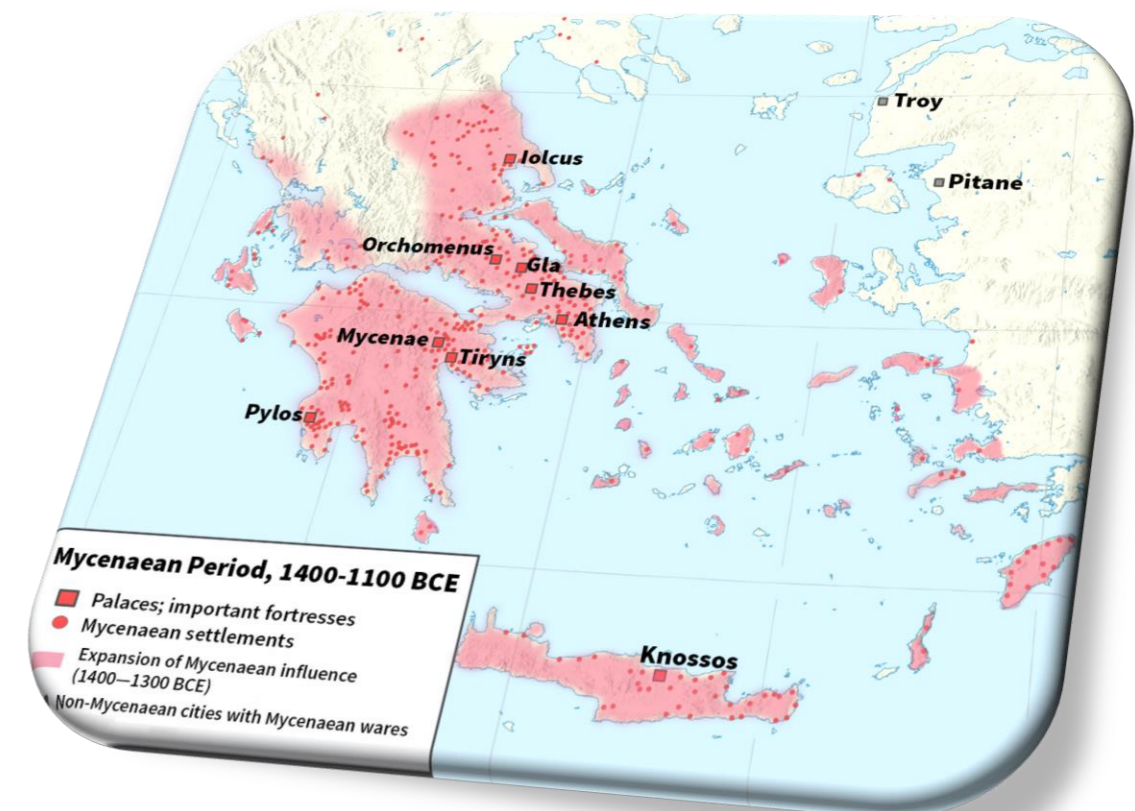


The Mycenaean civilization, which flourished in the Aegean during the Late Bronze Age (1650-1100 BC), is one of the most celebrated periods of ancient Greek history and formed the basis for the **Homeric epics**. Some of the most famous heroes of Greek mythology (e.g. Ulysses, Agamemnon, Achilles, Theseus, etc.) were probably actual Mycenaean kings and princes. Archaic and Classical Greek cities took pride in their Mycenaean past. Even the language and religion of ancient Greeks have their roots in the Mycenaean period.

Mycenae. The kingdom of the Lions

Up Drones Greece

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xx\\_66wuam1o](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xx_66wuam1o)





# Ask Yourselfs



- **Compare:**

How did Minoans and Mycenaean's relate with their neighbors?

- **Locate:**

Where is Knossos located? (afterwards, locate it on a map)

- **Think critically:**

What information do you get about the "character" of Greek culture?

- **Transfer your knowledge:**

Can you explain the contribution of geographical space in the culture formation process? *Apply this knowledge with your country...*

**What surprised you more?**



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