Ancient Greece
# Chronology

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Greece

when?

prehistoric

small farmers

grain, grapes, olives

The Near East and Egypt
Early Greece

bronze

Indo-Europeans

mātar, mētēr, mater, mōdor, mathir, mote, mat’

Zeus

hyakinthos
Age of Heroes

Heinrich Schliemann

Sir Arthur Evans

Troy (1871)

Mycenae (1876)

Knossos (1900)
Minoans

“palace” at Knossos

Crete

“redistributive” system

Linear A and B writing

art and architecture
Mycenae

Agamemnon

megaron

wanax

Egypt, Hittites, Ahhiyawa

“sea peoples”
“Dark Age”
c. 1200 – 700 BC
free-for-all
Iron
the “Greek Sea”
Lefkandi
The *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*

Homer

oral composition

the oldest literature in Europe

Age of Heroes

Greek society
The *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*

The Trojan War

Helen and Paris

Odysseus, Penelope

war

*agathos, kakos, aristos*