

ANCIENT GREECE



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Early Greece

Ancient Greece



Greece is a country in Europe. In ancient times, people lived along the huge coastline where food was plentiful.

New Towns

The Greeks loved to explore and they loved to build towns. They explored the Mediterranean looking for new places to build. Not everyone was glad to see them. Egypt chased them away. They had better luck in:

- Turkey
- Italy
- France



The Minoans

The Minoan king lived in a maze of a palace with 1500 rooms! The walls were painted with pictures of people jumping over bulls!

Even poor people had four-room stone houses with running water and bathrooms that flushed!



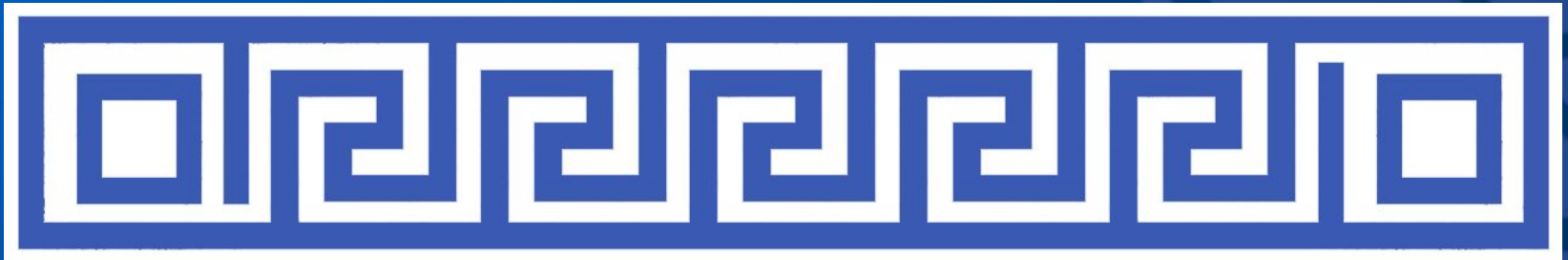
- Lived on the island of Crete
- Became wealthy through trade with other Ancient Civilizations

The Minoans

Natural disasters hit Crete!

- Earthquake (around 1700 BCE)
- Volcanic eruption (around 1500 BCE)
- Tidal waves (following volcanic eruption)
- The Minoans disappear

“Good thing we did not build there!” the Greeks agreed happily.



The Mycenaeans

The Mycenaeans were another tribe of early people. They fought the Greeks and won. They ran things for a while, until a new group, the Dorians, came down from the north.



**The Dorians had
iron weapons!**

- After Mycenaens come to power, mainland and island cultures blended
- Mycenaens controlled the Aegean and Meditteranean Sea
- Gained power through TRADE and CONQUEST

[Mycenean Video](#)

The Dorians

Around 1200 BCE, after the Dorians took over, all written records stopped. The Dorians did not write things down.

Greece fell into a dark age!



Question:

Why did ancient Greece fall into a dark age when the Dorians took over?

