

MINOAN & MYCENAEAN SOCIETIES

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Who are we talking about?!

The Minoans and Mycenaeans were two societies that came a couple hundred years before the people we're usually talking about when we say 'the Greeks'. They both lived on the island of Crete, which is a part of Greece - so we can call them Greek too! Simply, they were the earlyyyyy Greeks.



Wait, where?!

Cretel An island in Greece, in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea.

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Ok. Let's get started.

YOU WILL NEED:

- ★ Minoan Text + 'Theseus and the Minotaur'
- ★ Mycenaean Text + 'The Trojan Horse'
- ★ Questions below!

DIRECTIONS: Read the texts, then answer the questions below!

1. How would you describe the way the Minoans interacted with other people on surrounding islands?
2. What are two things the Minoans did for fun?
3. How did the prince survive the maze with the Minotaur?
4. List three reasons why we don't know very much about Minoan society.
5. What were the Mycenaens known for?
6. How did the Greeks finally enter the city of Troy?
7. What might have gone wrong with this plan?
8. What caused the Mycenaens to enter a dark age?
9. What *is* a dark age?
10. How was the dark age of the Greeks different from most dark ages?
11. Give 4 examples of what the Greeks produced during their dark age.
12. What did Homer do and why was it important?

13. Think deeper:

What connection do you see between the legend of Theseus and the Minotaur and the legend of the Trojan horse? What does this tell us about the early Greeks? Explain.