

Notes on Evolution of **Greek Government from the Dark Ages to Democracy**

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Describe the features of the typical Greek polis:

Which poleis were the most important before the Dark Ages?

Which poleis were the most important after the Dark Ages?

Which factors led to the great period of Greek colonization from 800 - 600 B.C., and why aren't they actually colonies in the modern sense? How far flung were the Greek colonies in this period? (see map)

What effects do you think this period of colonization would have on Greek life and culture?

How did military innovation in the 8th Century B.C. affect the Greeks' socio-political outlook?

Describe the socio-political evolution of the polis of Sparta:

What was a tyrant in ancient Greece, and how did tyranny affect the political system at Corinth?

Describe the process of political change under Solon at Athens (Attica):

How did tyranny at Athens strengthen the city and prepare it for democracy?

How did the democracy at Athens work after 509 B.C.?