

The Bronze Age: The Minoans and Mycenaeans

7th Grade World History



The Minoans and Mycenaeans

*Preceded the Greeks in the Aegean Basin.

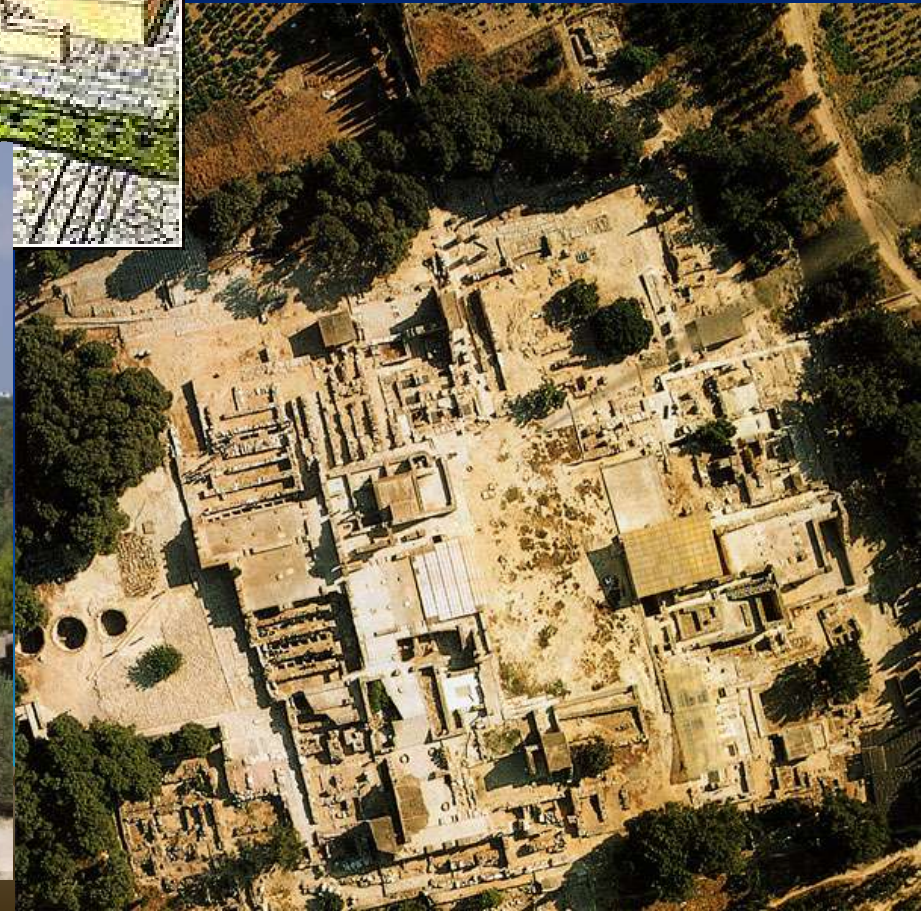


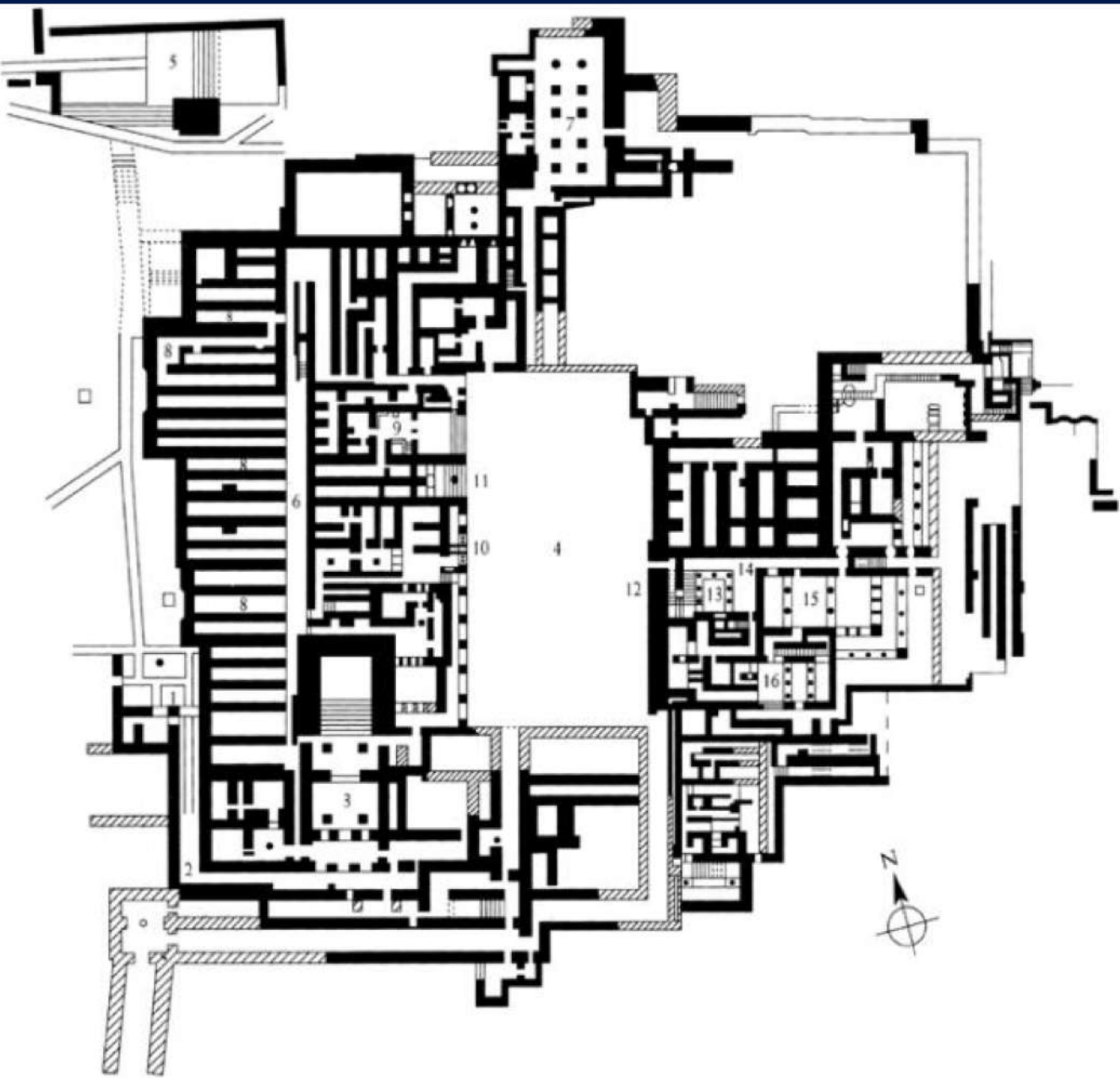
Prelude: Minoan Civilization








The Palace Then and Now





 Reconstruction
 Earlier structures {

-  Existing
-  Reconstruction

1. West porch
2. Corridor of the procession
3. South propylon
4. Central court
5. "Theater area"
6. North-south corridor
7. Pillar hall
8. Magazines
9. Throne room
10. Palace shrine and lower verandas
11. Stepped porch
12. Grand staircase
13. Light well
14. East-west corridor
15. Hall of the Double Axes (principal reception room)
16. "Queen's Megaron"



0 25 50 75 100 FEET
 0 10 20 30 METERS

Frescoes



Art

- Bull a significant element of Minoan life; *bull leaping*, maybe a sport or ritual.
- Males painted in red, sometimes in female clothing
- Females in white

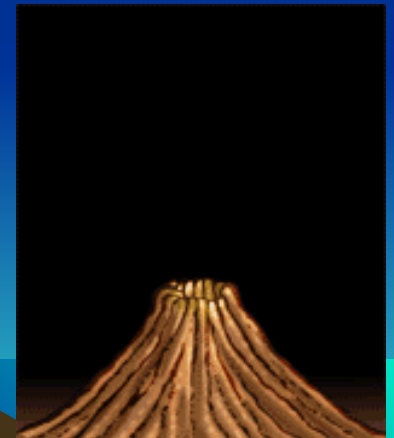


Art Examples



Decline of Civilization

- Around 1628 BCE, Volcanic Eruption
 - Caused tidal wave, destroyed many settlements
- Culture was further weakened by Mycenaean attacks and eventual takeover in 1400 BCE



Beginnings: Mycenaean Civilization 1900—1100 BC



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- Control
- Mycen
- clans a

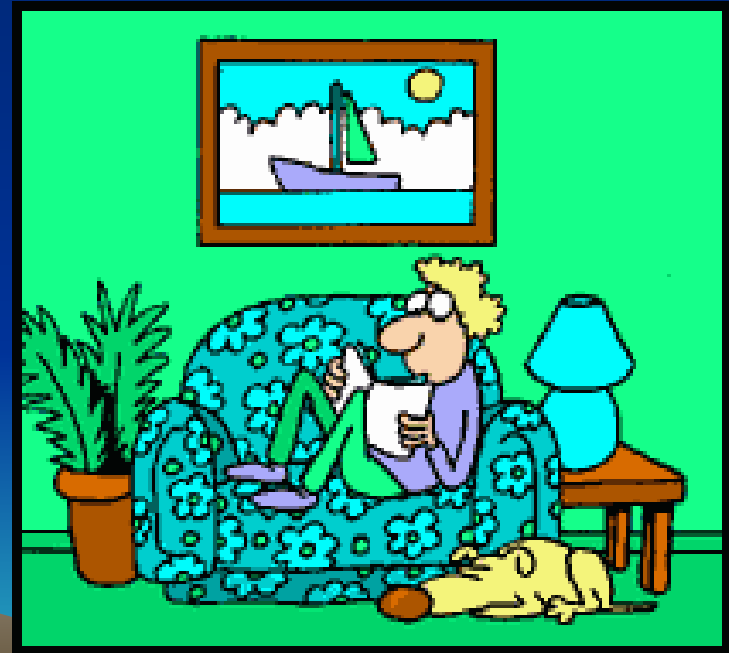


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The Fall of the Mycenaeans

- Around 1200 BCE earthquakes and warfare led to the destruction of most Mycenaean cities.



More Pictures of Mycenaean Culture



Mediterranean Sea



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technological decline

- Dark Age (1200-800 BC)