



CHAPTER 7 ~ GREECE OUTLINE



Introduction to Greek gods & goddesses

Minoan Civilization

- King Minos once thought to be mythological, but his palace at Knossos has been excavated on Crete
- Early theory that Minoans destroyed by Mycenaean's - but we now know there was huge earthquake on nearby Island of Santorini (or Thera) that ruined soil and caused Minoans to leave
- Theseus & the Minotaur

Mycenaean Civilization

- The Trojan War - once thought to be purely mythological, but German archaeologist found ruins

Greek Dark Ages

Archaic Period of Greece

Types of Government

- Monarchy - rule by one
- Aristocracy - rule by "the best"
- Oligarchy - rule by the few (or the few rich)
- Tyranny - rule by one who seized power by rebellion and by claiming to be the savior of the poor
- Democracy - rule by the many or by the common people

Important men of the Period

- Draco* - wrote code of law for Athens where every offense was punishable by death
- Solon* - Archon of Athens who reformed Draco's laws and created the Council of 400
- Peisistratus* - first tyrant of Athens
- Cleisthenes* - Important role in development of democracy



Athens versus Sparta

- EXTREMELY different societies
- Spartans were known for their "*Hoplites*" - obedient soldiers
- Spartan society revolved around training soldiers
- Athens society revolved around learning, philosophy, & the arts



Classical Period

Famous Men of the Classical Age (see separate list)

Greco-Persian Wars (between Greece and Persia)

- Battle of Marathon* - Darius the Great of Persia attacks Athenians at Marathon
- Battle of Thermopylae* - King Xerxes I of Persia attacks Greeks and King Leonidas of Sparta tries to block them at Thermopylae
- Battle of Salamis* - Xerxes continues attack on Greece but is defeated in naval battle at Salamis Bay
- Delian League* - naval compact between Greek city-states in event of further Persian attacks

Golden Age of Greece - otherwise known as the Age of Pericles

- 50 years (480 - 430 BC) when Athens reached its zenith culturally
- Most of the great men of Greece came from this time period

Peloponnesian War - a Civil War in Greece between Athens versus Sparta

- Lasted 27 years
- Persians supported Sparta and Sparta won, but overall result was a weakened Greece

Macedonian Conquest of Greece

- Philip II conquered Greece at Battle of Chaeronea but allowed them self-government
- Alexander the Great
 - Battle of Granicus* - Alexander began war against Persia near to ancient Troy
 - Battle of Issus* - Alexander versus Darius III of Persia
 - Battle of Gaugamela* - Alexander defeats Darius III & conquers Persia
- Break-up of Greek Empire after death of Alexander between 4 Generals
 - General Seleucus - *Seleucid Dynasty* - Syria, Babylon, Persia
 - General Ptolemy - *Ptolemaic Dynasty* - Egypt & Palestine
 - General Antipater's son Cassander (later conquered by General Antigonus) - *Antigonid Dynasty* - Greece & Macedonia
 - General Lysimachus - *Attalid Dynasty* - Asia Minor



Hellenistic Period

Period of 300 years from death of Alexander to Roman Conquest