



Beginnings

Chapter 9

FOCUS ON IDEAS

Fill in the blanks to form a summary of Chapter 9. You will find some of the proper terms listed below. For other words, you may need to use your textbook. *= Not on the list

civil wars	palace	laws	park
Crete	gymnasiums	Mother Earth	seafaring
Dark Age	Hellenes	navigation	Troy
farmers	Knossos	<i>Odyssey</i>	walls

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Minoan civilization developed on the island of _____. At first, Minoans were _____. Later, they became the world's first important _____ civilization.

Minoan cities were different from those of other ancient civilizations. At the center of each city was a _____ rather than a temple. Minoan cities did not have _____ around them. Instead people relied on their * _____ for protection. One of the largest Minoan cities was _____.

Minoans worshipped many gods and goddesses. They especially honored the goddess _____. Minoan priest-kings made _____ and explained the gods' will by looking for signs from the sky at the top of * _____.


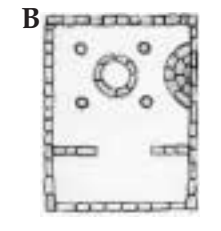

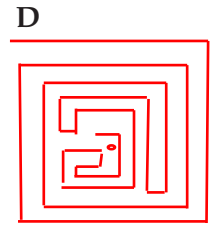


About 1400 B.C., the * _____ took control of the Aegean area. They learned many things from Minoans, especially the skills of shipbuilding and _____. They formed * _____ to raid nearby lands. Their attack on the city of _____ is told in an epic poem called the *Iliad*.

Weakened by years of _____, Mycenaeans were defeated by the * _____. As a result, the Aegean region entered a _____. In isolation from the rest of the Middle East, a new civilization began. Its people formed small independent communities and started calling themselves _____.

USING VOCABULARY

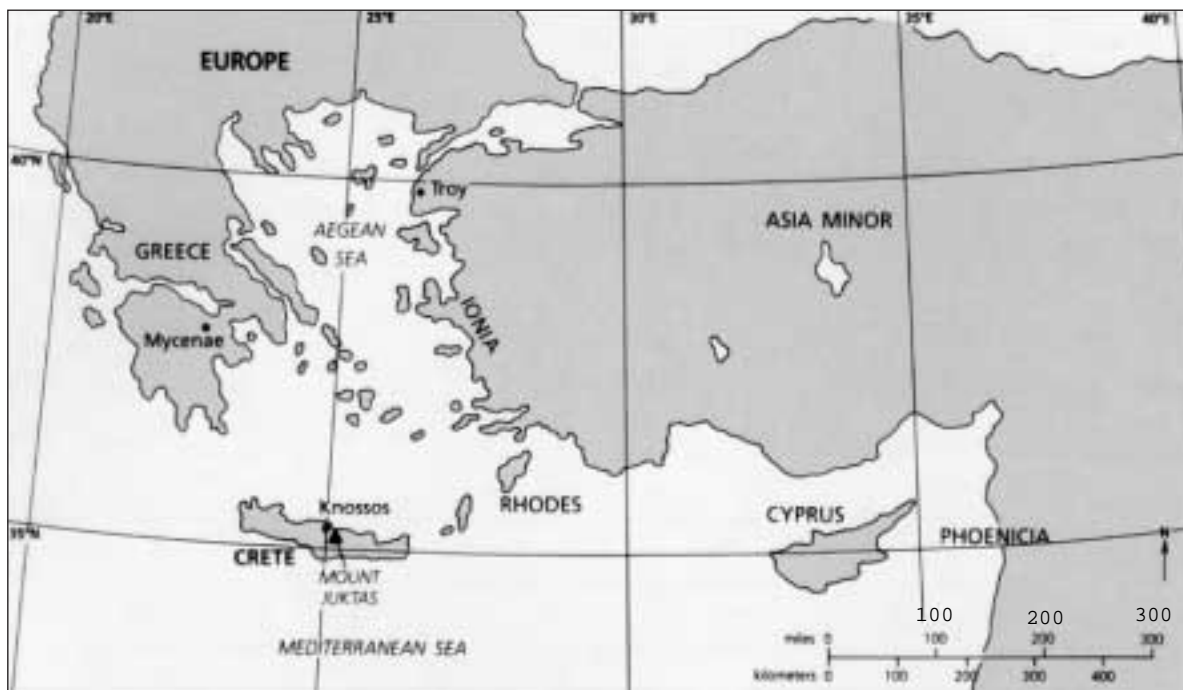
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Write a complete definition for each vocabulary word listed below. Then, match each vocabulary word with the correct picture on the right by placing the letter of the picture after the proper definition in the blank provided.

<p>labyrinth _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>A</p> 
<p>bull leaping _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>B</p> 
<p>megaron _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>C</p> 
<p>frescoes _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>D</p> 
<p>shrine _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>E</p> 
<p>prow _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p>F</p> 

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WORKING WITH MAPS



Examine the map and use the scale and directional arrow to answer the questions that follow.

1. In what direction is Crete from Cyprus? _____
2. How far is Knossos from Mycenae? _____
3. How far is Troy from the island of Rhodes? _____
4. In what direction is Iona from Greece? _____
5. In what direction is Troy from Knossos? _____