

The Mycenaean World (Homeric World)

Resources:

1) Bloomsbury site: <https://www.bloomsbury.com/cw/OCR-GCSE-Classical-Civilisation/literature-culture/the-homeric-world/culture-resources/>

The Bloomsbury book and site contain links to online resources that it considers authoritative.

2) Lecture series: https://www.dartmouth.edu/~prehistory/aegean/?page_id=104

For undergraduate level, so very thorough. But extremely useful (has lecture outline, images, bibliography etc, set out in clear lessons).

3) Image commentaries sheet

For some guidance in approaching image commentaries, as expected for culture questions.



TIMELINE OF THE MYCENAEAN AGE

Date (bc)	Major events in the Mycenaean Age	Period
1675	First burials in Grave Circle B at Mycenae	Early
1600	First burials at Grave Circle A Destruction of Akrotiri	
1400	Start of major building at Mycenaean sites Treasury of Atreus built Development of the city of Tiryns End of Minoan Age	Palatial
1375	Shipwreck of Ulu Burun	
1350	Tombs of Clytemnestra and Aegisthus built Cyclopean Walls of Mycenae built	
1300	Western wall of Mycenae strengthened Eastern Gate and palace built at Mycenae	
1250	Further strengthening of walls and defences of Tiryns Building of Galleries at Tiryns Lion Gate built Destruction of Troy VIIa Decline of major Mycenaean sites	Later
1200	Destruction of Troy VI Damage to Mycenae from fire	
1075	Final destruction at Mycenae from fire	

Homer – composing late 8th century BC – ‘possibly written down in the 7th century BC’

PRODUCT	PLACE OF ORIGIN
Gold	Macedonia, Egypt, Thasos (Greek island)
Amber (for beads)	Denmark, northern Europe
Ivory	Africa, Syria
Lapis lazuli gemstones	Africa
Silver, lead	Attica (area around Athens)
Copper	Attica, Syria, Cyprus, Sardinia
Ostrich eggshells	Africa
Tin	Britain, Turkey, Afghanistan, Spain
Glass	Egypt