valuable bronze tools and weapons, ships made by them were the best in the region. Heavy construction and high front prows, these vessels cut through rough seas and proved reliable in conditions that were thought to be impossible.

- Architects liked to build palace rooms of different sizes that wandered without certain design.
- Learned their artwork from Egyptians.
- Writing from Sumerians, script on tablets.
- Tablets used for accounting and for tracking movement of merchandise.
- (Religious rituals) Artwork of frescoes, painting portrayed every day objects and the gods and goddesses.
- (Destruction) Myths, recalled eventual destruction of Minoan society. Downfall of their society is unknown, but natural disaster has been presented, because of myths of burning down or tsunami.

Mycenaean Civilization: The First Greeks 2000-1100 B.C.E.

- Indo European Greek speaking people settled on Greek Peninsula.
- Influenced by Minoans and developed a wealthy, hierarchic society.
- Golden crowns and masks and many weapons.
- War mad Greeks.
- Traders and much of wealth came from growing commerce in the Aegean sea.
- Learned from Minoans’ artwork and how to write. From tablets and scripts.
- After Minoans destroyed; Mycenaeans took over, with their wealth, their complexity of
governing system increased of kings nobles and slaves.
• Powerful palaces of stone were built so large; giant like
• Walled indicating there was great deal of war going on for defense
• Lion gate; main entrance
• States of Mycenaean civilization were not self sufficient. Depended on trade
• (trade) Little copper and no tin on peninsula; trade for ore to make bronze for tools and weapons, pottery
• (violence and disruption) Cyprus trade interrupted in which they were involved. Mycenaean invasion of Troy and Trojan war contributed to downfall.

From dark ages to colonies
• period after the fall of Mycenae is called dark ages; 1100 BCE to 750 BCE
• Bronze gave way to iron as primary metal used in weapons and tools
• trade of wine and olive oil began to flourish all over the Mediterranean
• Greek goods of pottery and artifacts; Greek culture spread through many cultures
• Greek philosopher Plato gave the Greeks undue praise

Emerging from the Dark: Heroic Beliefs and Values
• From trade with Phoenicians; The Greeks gained the alphabet and writing reemerged around 800 BCE