1. The Isle of Crete – Minoan Civilization
   a. Complex of Knossos found by Sir Arthur Evans
      i. Sir Arthur Evans
         1. Made money during the industrial age
         2. Used dynamite to excavate artifacts
         3. Destroyed a lot of stuff
         4. Controversial
            a. Destroyed almost as much as he found
            b. Wanted to find the legendary King Minos
               i. Ignored anything that wasn’t King Minos
      5. Found Palace of Knossos
         a. Very large
         b. Palace was basically the city with a roof
   b. Called “Minoan” in honor of legendary King Minos from Greek legend
      i. Did not call themselves “Minoan”
   c. Writing was pictographic until roughly 1700 BCE… Linear A introduced
   d. Linear B introduced around 1450 – by the time Mycenaean mainlanders adopt the title “Greek”
      i. Probably means the Minoans no longer kept the records (Mycenaean’s kept records)
      ii. Minoans outsourced everything that required the Mycenaean’s
e. Palaces were center of all life – evolved micro-city-state
      i. People lived in the
      ii. Farmland surrounded
f. Exports were main concern (middleman concept) – buy, transport, sell, repeat
g. Theories on the fall of this civilization
   i. By 1400, all major places destroyed
   ii. Volcanic eruption of Thera (Santorini) (70 miles away)
   iii. Arrival of Mycenaean Greeks
      1. Called Mycenaean due to Heinrich Schilemann finding a circle of graves at Mycenae in 1876 looking for Agamemnon
         a. Originally excavating Hisarlik in modern day Turkey
      2. Shaft graves evolve to large covered structures
      3. Peaceful – intermarriage, mingling of culture
      4. Warlike – evidence of fighting
   iv. Arrival of Dorian
      1. A Dark Age – “Mycenaean Dark Age”
h. BURKHARDT
   i. Simple theory of Italian renaissance
   ii. Decadence/Cycles of Civilization
      1. Societies build up and become a power
      2. Things are good for a couple of generations
      3. Then things start to fall apart inside/malaise
         a. Malaise = thinking something is wrong but you don’t know what it is