

* Compared to Minoan culture

- more warlike and expansive
- cultures them tend to exist within close proximity tend to influence each other.

* Pylos, Tiryns, Mycenae

- Early Bronze age societies
- focused primarily around war and conquest.

* Pylos is the most important with the largest # of Linear B tablets (over one-thousand) (Nestor)

- Nestor was an aging and respected being who played a prominent role in the ill-fated "Dardanian" mission by Homer. Located in northern Peloponnese.

* Tiryns has much of original architectural remains (city legend) (great hall)

* Mycenae was surrounded by a # of tomb sites "beehive" ↴

* Trojan war / Known for their monumental construction efforts
1200 B.C.E, Mycenaeans began a war with the Trojans.