

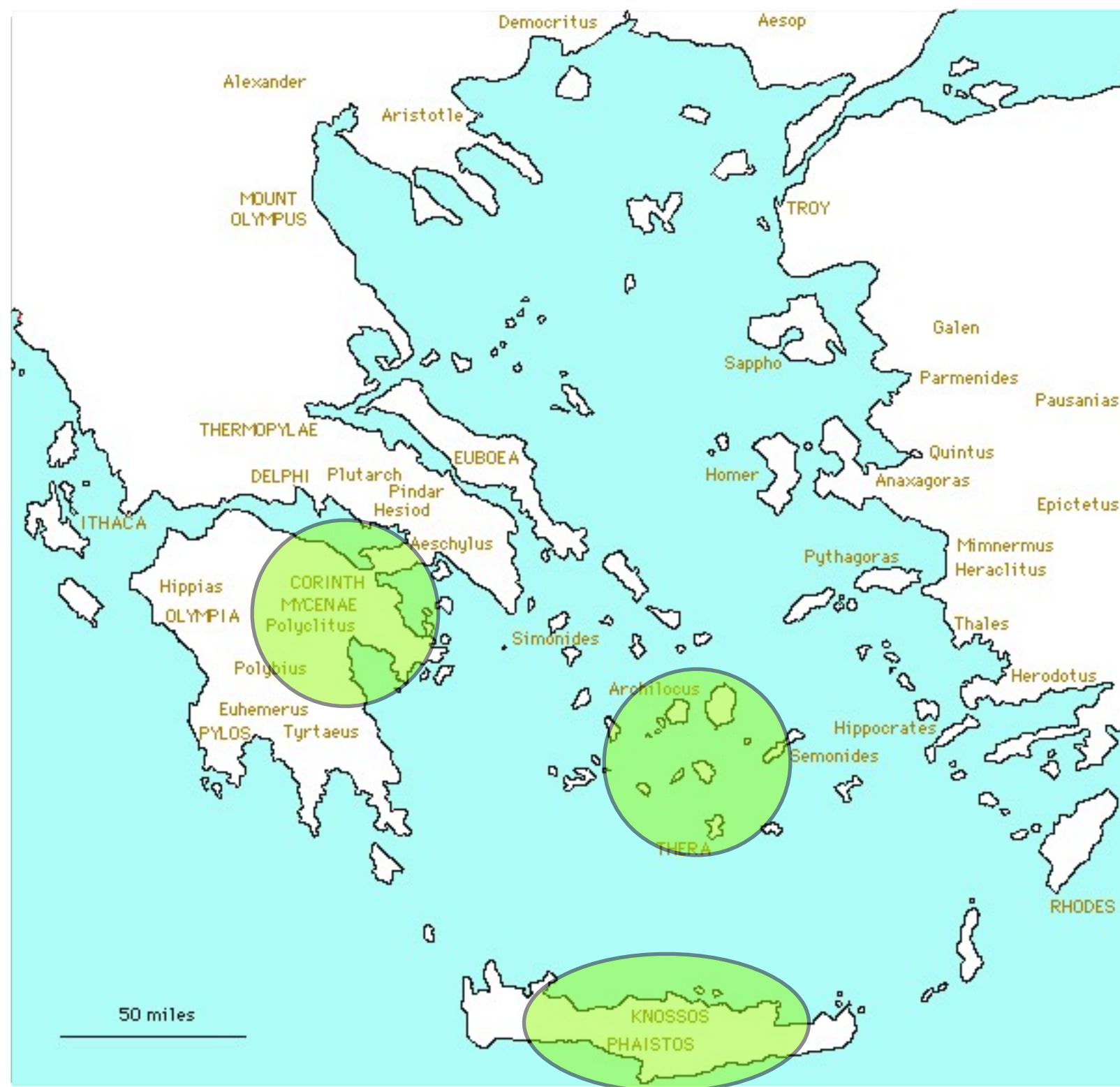


# AEGEAN HERITAGE



# THREE AEGEAN CIVILIZATIONS

- Cycladic Civilization
- Minoan Civilization
- Mycenaean Civilization





- All 3 were maritime cultures.
- Unlike Ancient Mesopotamian or Egyptian Cultures, the Aegean Cultures were unknown until the 1800s.
- “The further people live from a seaport, the more resistant they will be to change and new ideas.”
  - Agree or Disagree?



# CYCLADIC CIVILIZATION

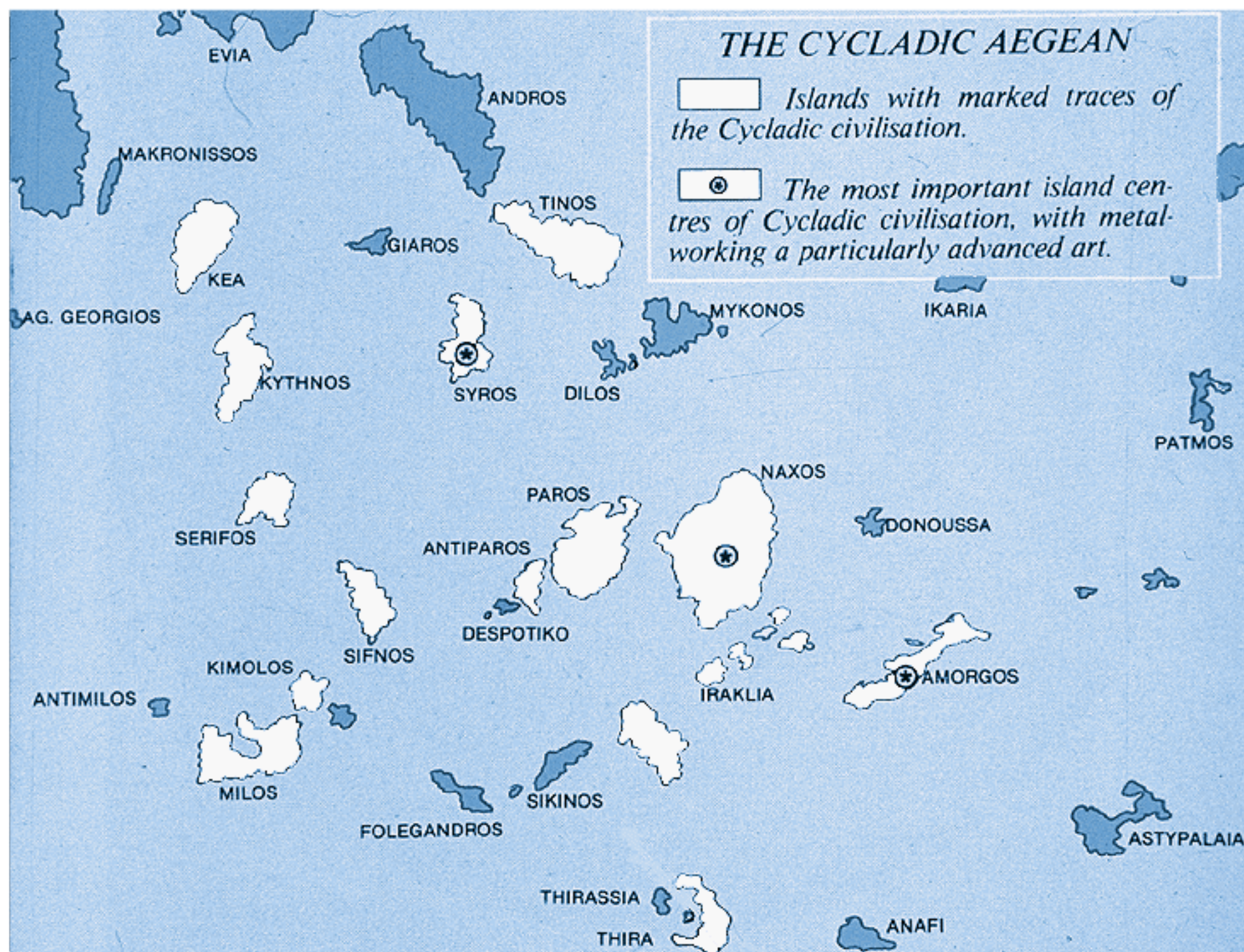
## 3000 - 2000 BC



- Named for the Cyclades Islands in the Aegean Sea
- These islands were said to cycle around the birthplace of Apollo and Artemis.









# MARBLE FIGURES



Marble figure of Chalandriani type,  
2400-2200 BC.







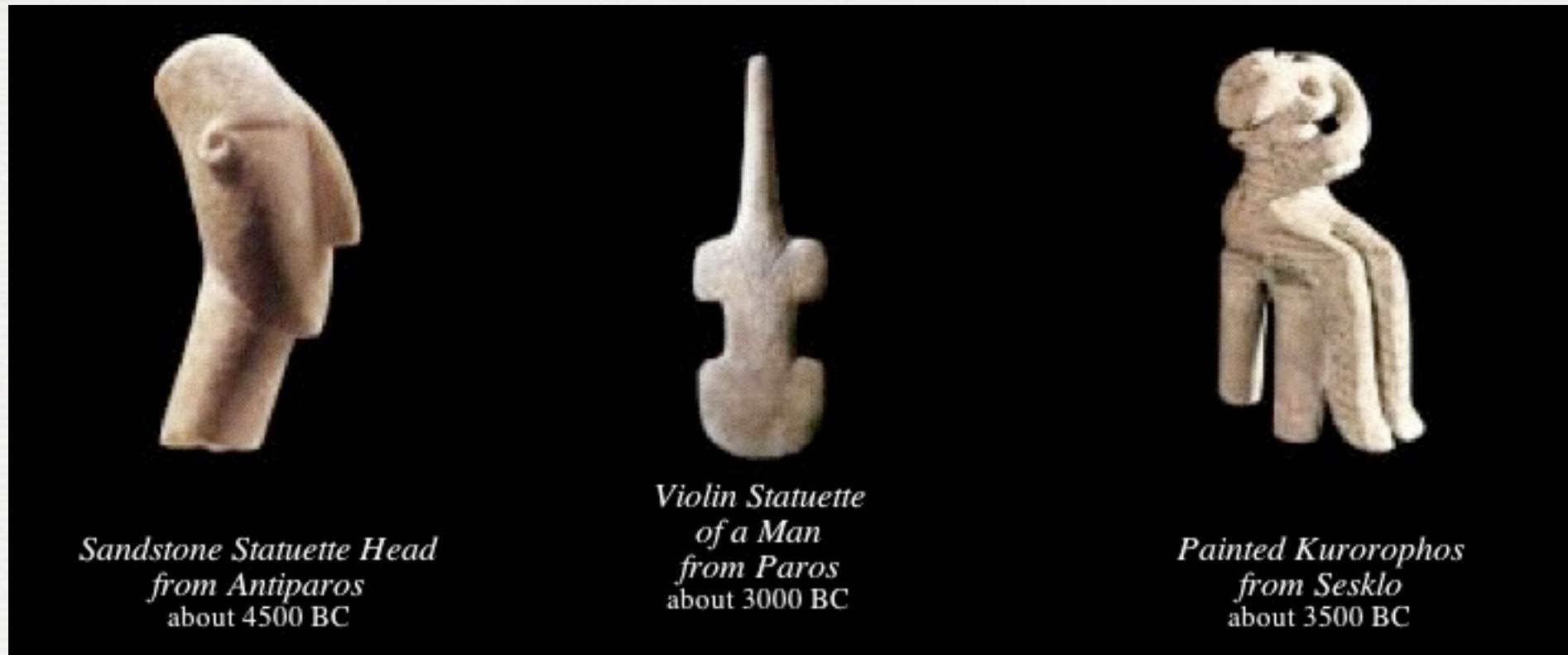


- Most statues were female
- Few male statues were musicians
- popular at the turn of the century
- many were found by treasure hunters instead of archeologists
- most are believed to have come from tombs









*Sandstone Statuette Head  
from Antiparos  
about 4500 BC*

*Violin Statuette  
of a Man  
from Paros  
about 3000 BC*

*Painted Kurostros  
from Sesklo  
about 3500 BC*



*Idol from Amorgos  
about 2300 BC  
Archaeological Museum  
Athens, Greece*

*Bard from Keros  
near Amorgos  
about 2300 BC  
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*Statuette of a Woman  
from Syros  
about 2100 BC*





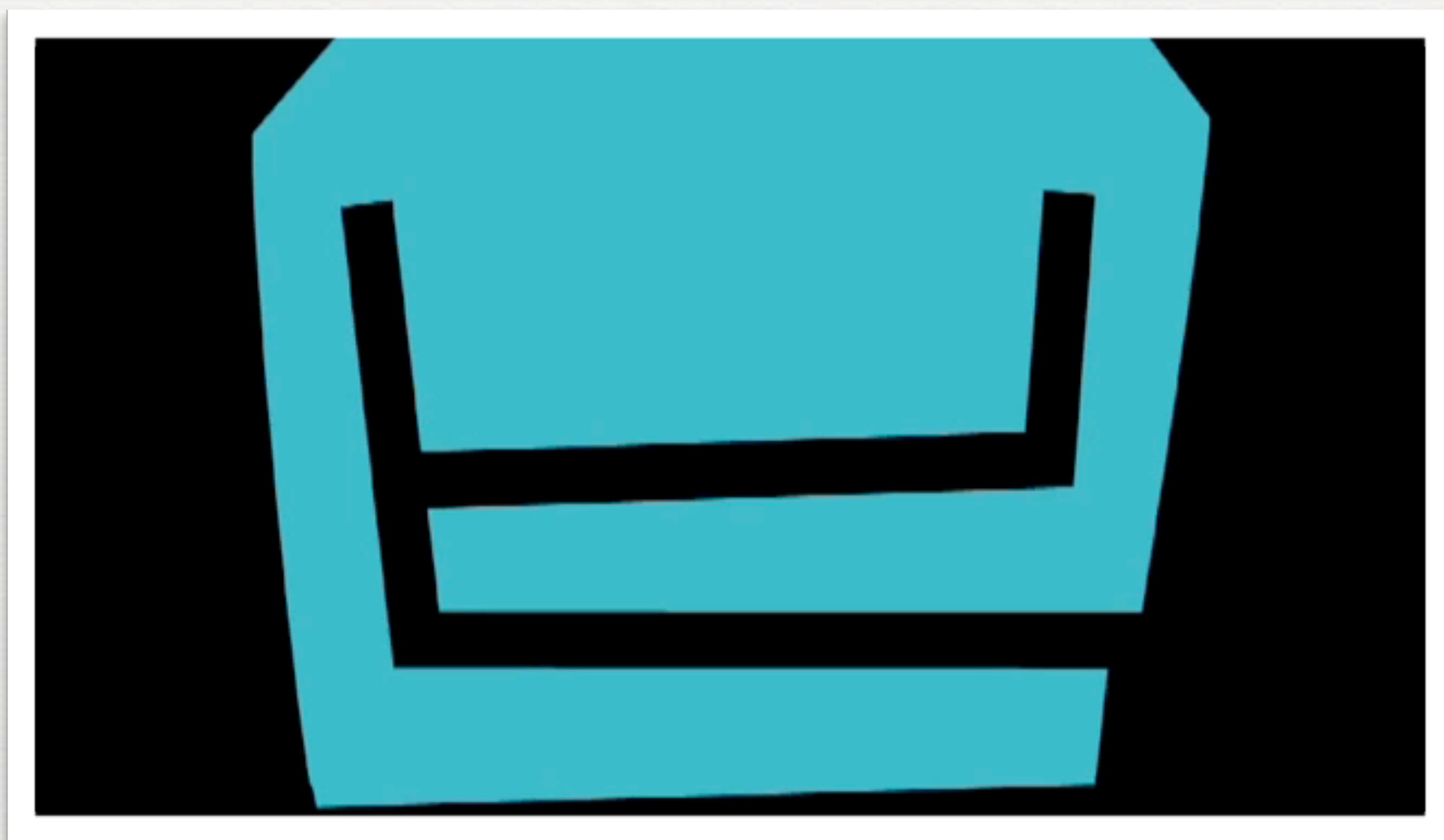


Stone can't be dated.











# MINOAN CIVILIZATION

## 2600 - 1100 BC



Minoan Civilization  
was centered on the  
island of Crete.





- Named for legendary King Minos
- Held council with Zeus every nine years
- Wife - Pasiphaë
- Minotaur
- Daedalus - labyrinth
- Theseus
- Minos - one of three judges of the dead





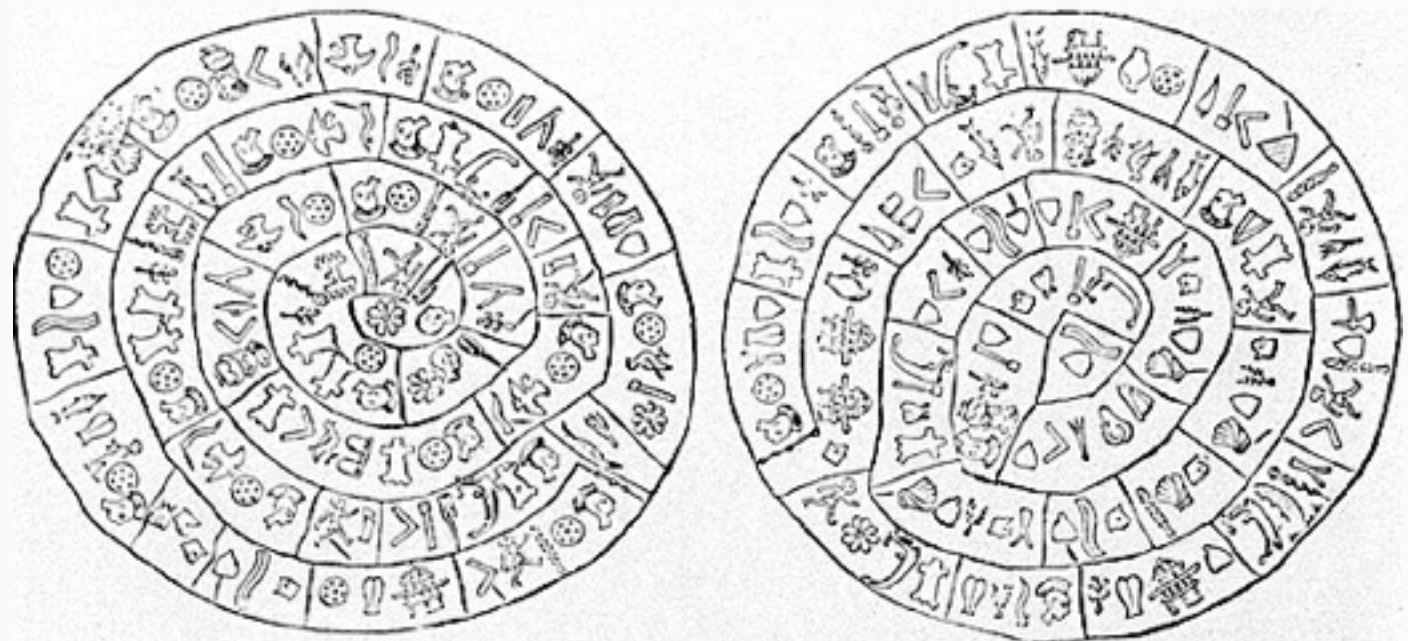








- Minoans were not Indo-European.
- Two written scripts
  - Linear A - undeciphered
  - Linear B - deciphered





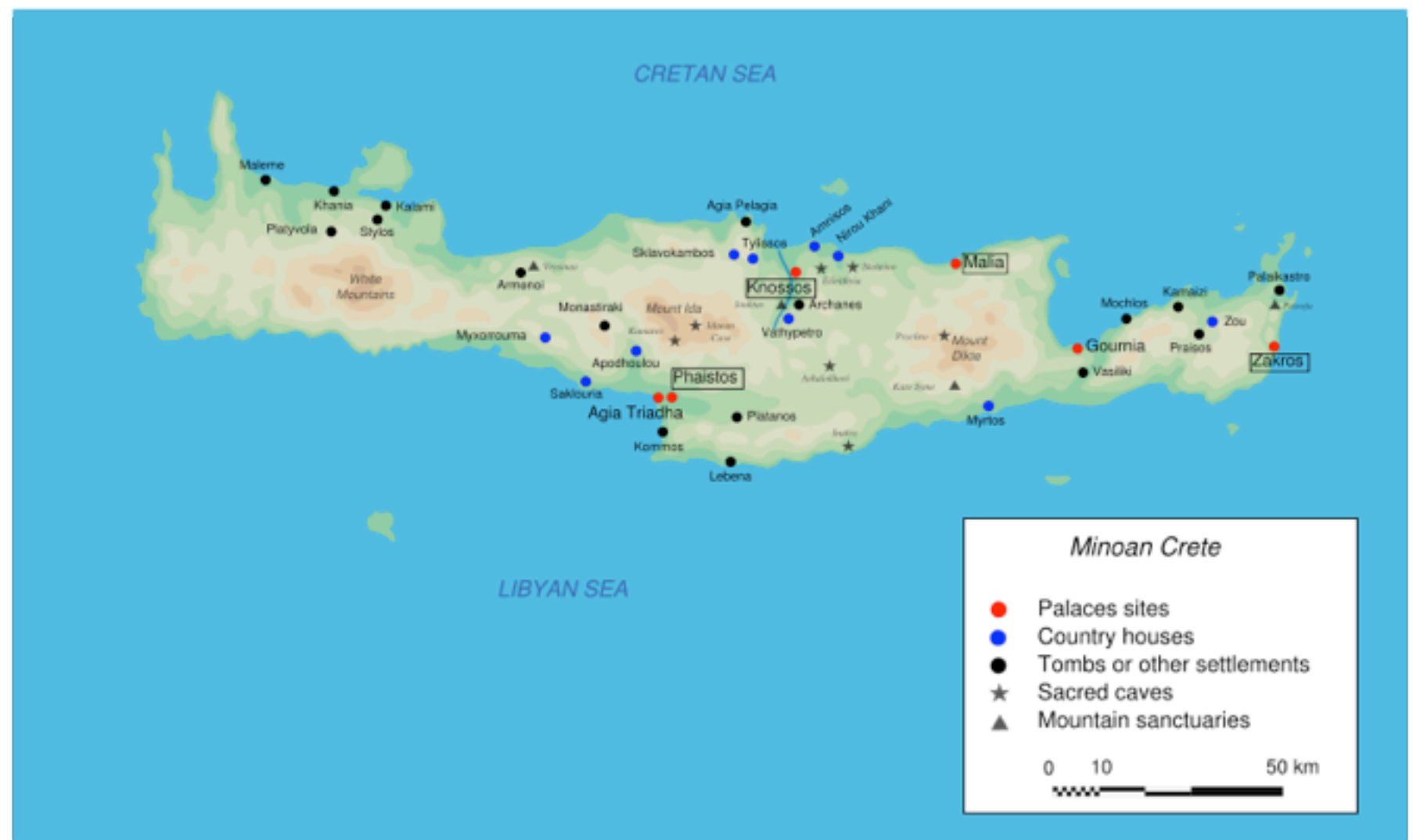
# MINOAN RELIGION

- Nature worship
- Earth goddess
  - Her representative on earth was the queen
- Snake goddess
  - emphasized regeneration
  - cycle of life, death, and rebirth



# FOUR MAJOR PALACE/TEMPLE SITES

- Knossos
- Phaistos
- Mallia
- Zacro





# PALACE OF KNOSSOS

- Scholars debate whether to call it a palace or a temple.
- discovered by British Archeologist, Arthur Evans





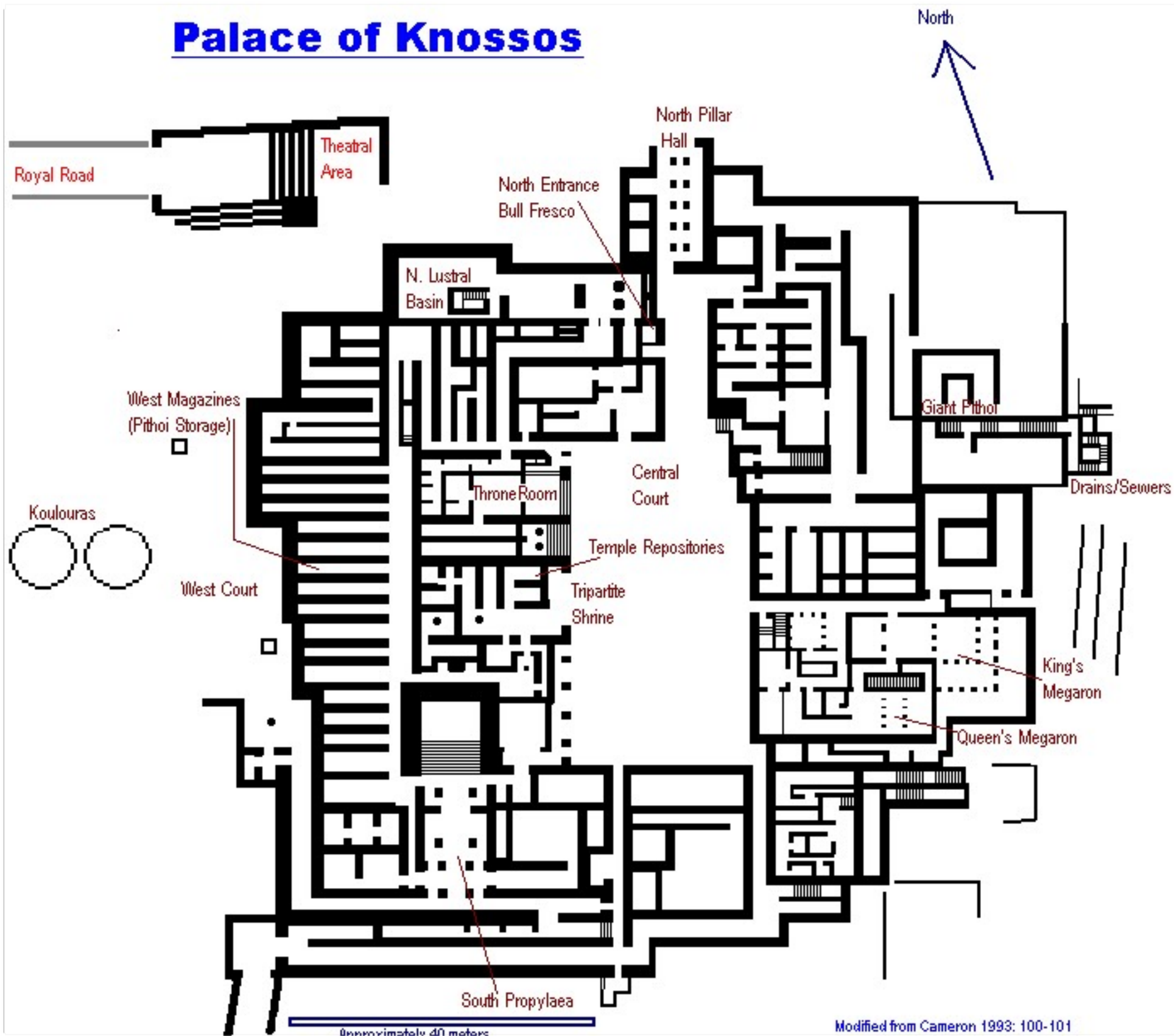


23. Knossos, palace, restored plan

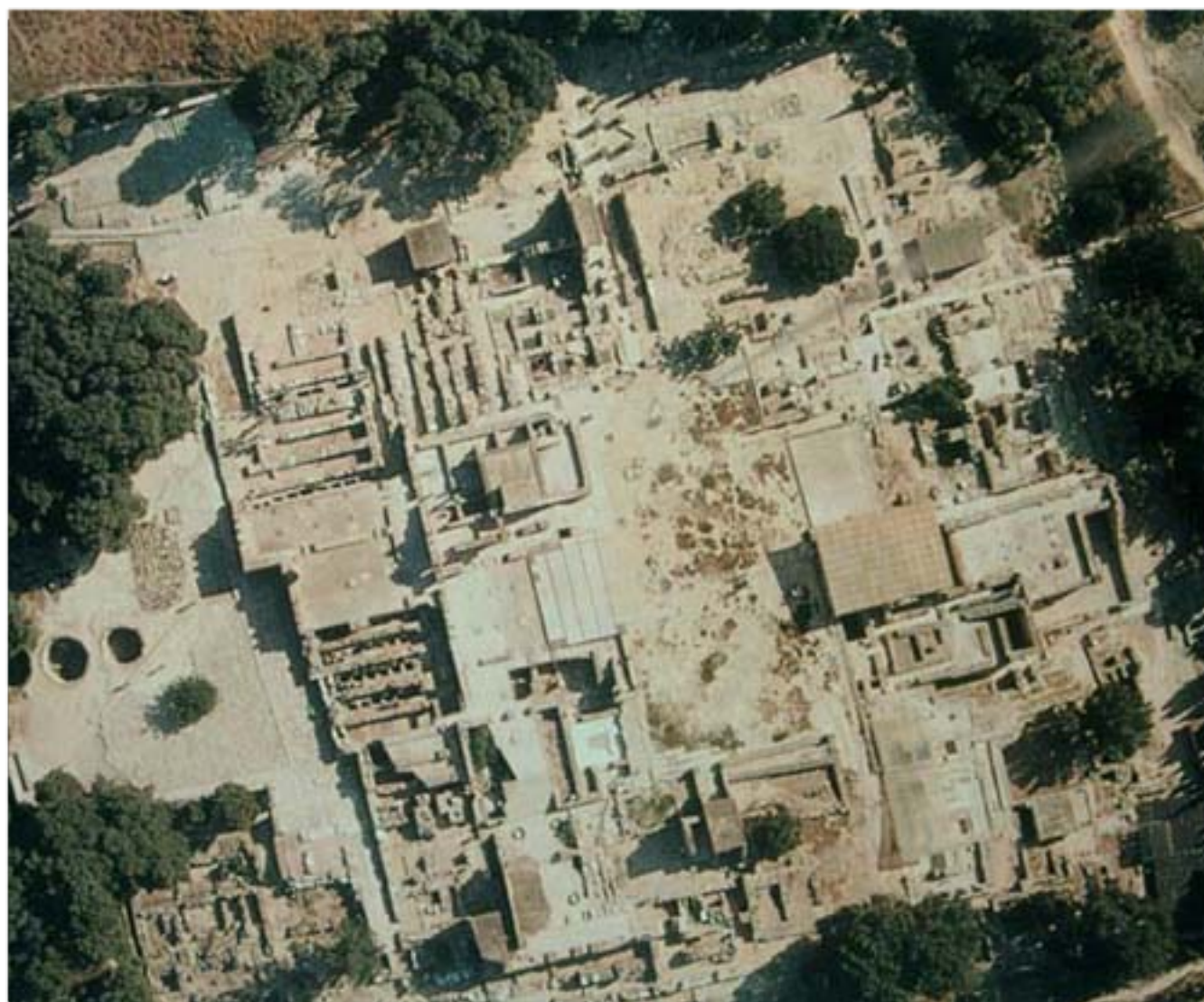
- ▶ Multi-storied (5)
- ▶ Internal & External Staircases
- ▶ Light Wells
- ▶ Storage
- ▶ Courtyards



# Palace of Knossos





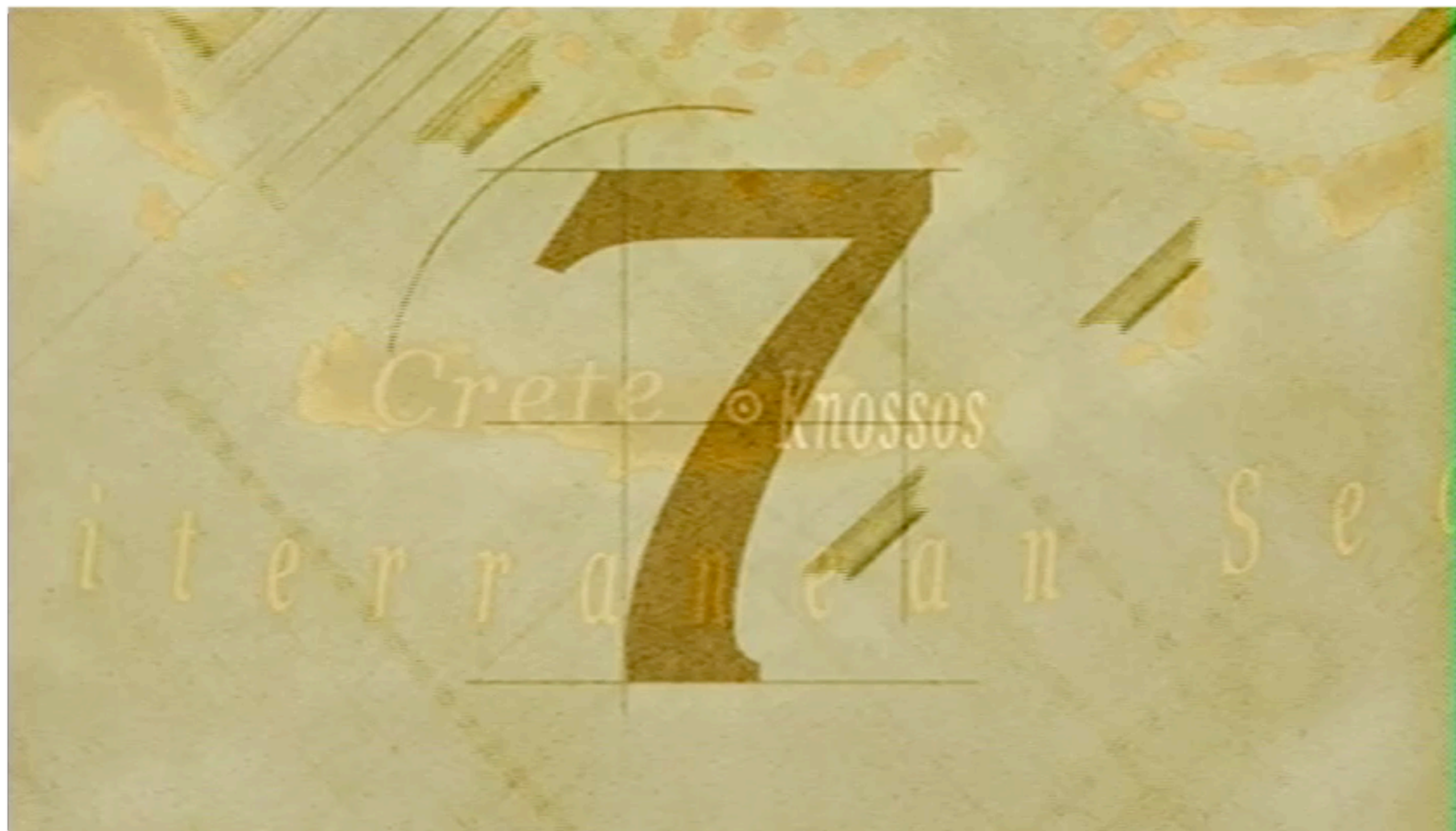




Where are the  
protective walls?









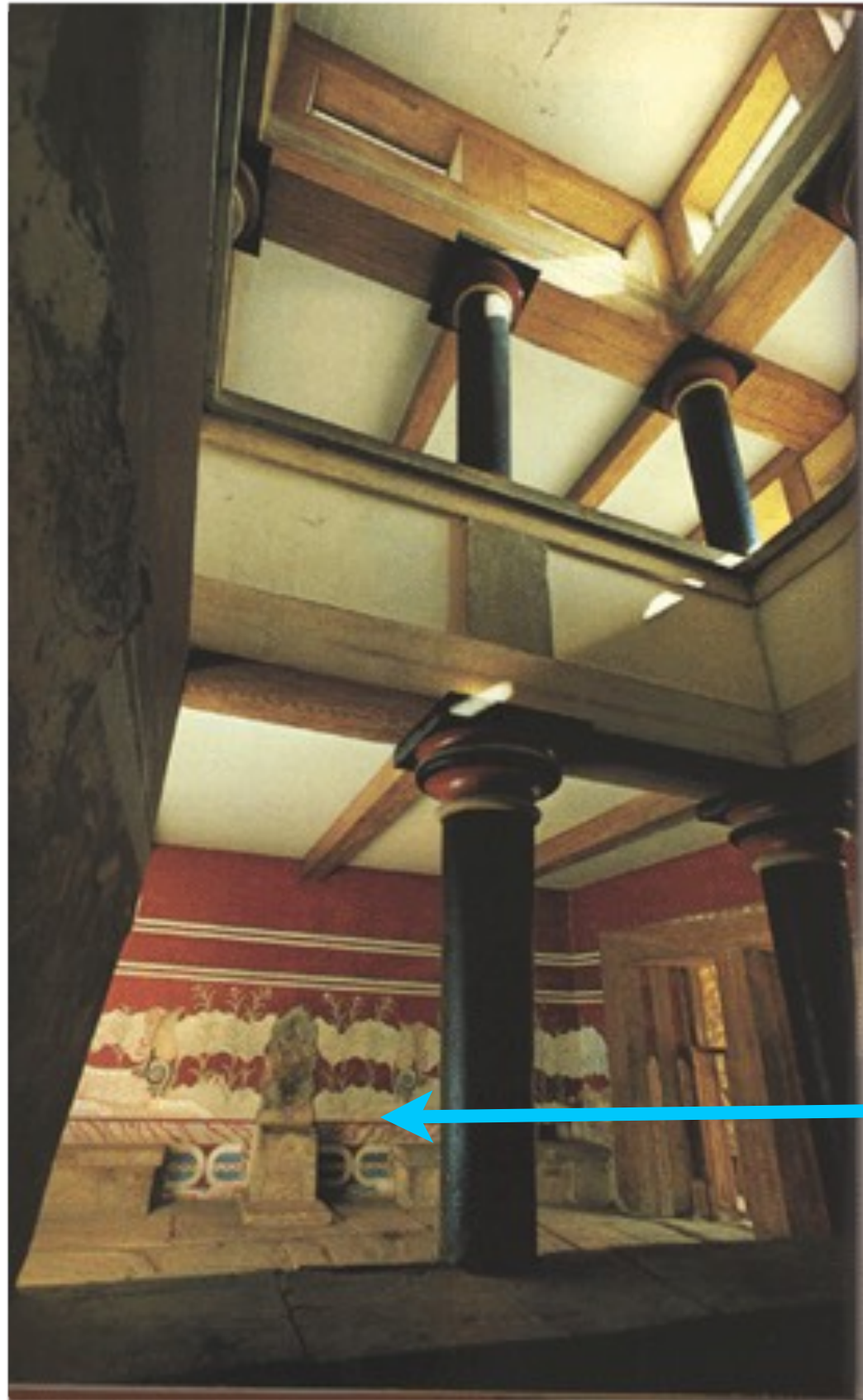


Columns were  
wider at the top









Atrium: several storied open area within a building

This room is referred to as the Throne Room.











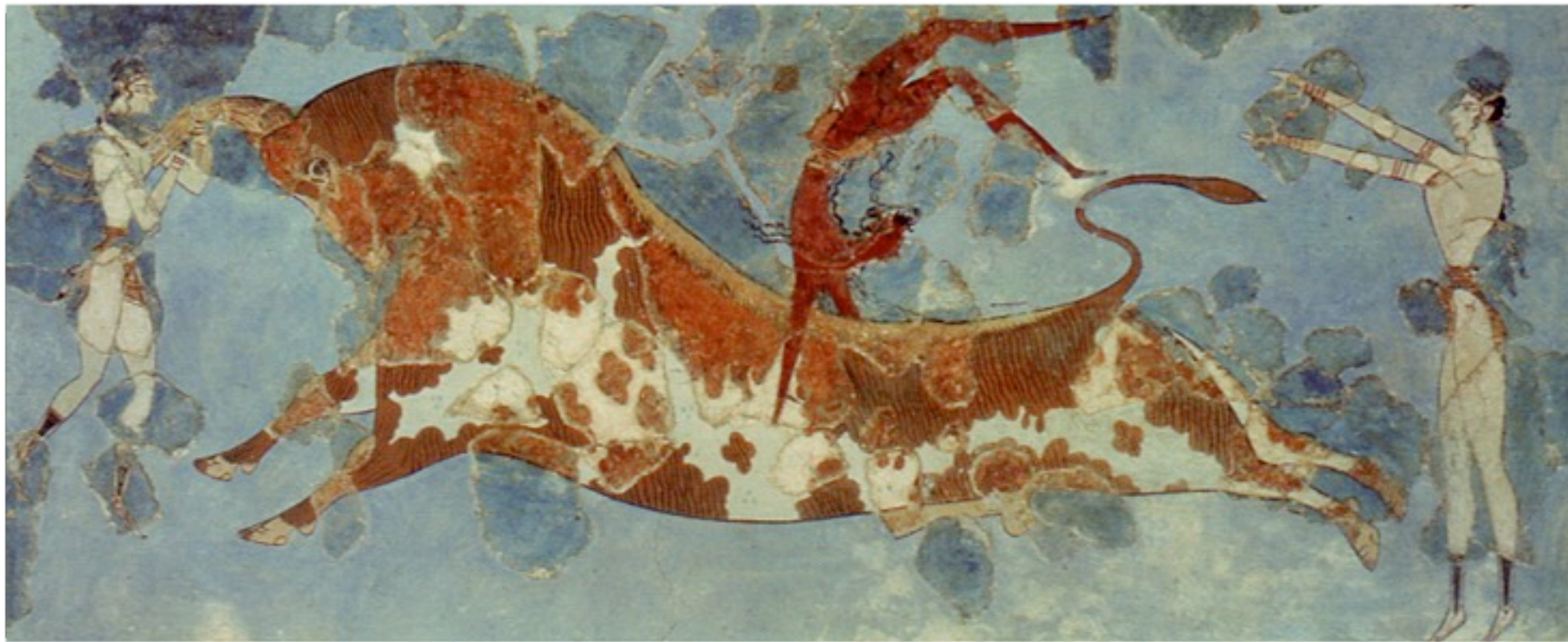


- Mural: painting on a wall, ceiling, or other large permanent structure.
- Fresco: painting onto plaster; can be dry or wet. Paintings onto wet plaster is more permanent.









What's going on here?

Lighter people - female?  
Darker areas are original.









Harvester Vase: carved in steatite (soapstone).





## Bull's Head Rhyton

Rhyton: vase for Libations

Head: steatite

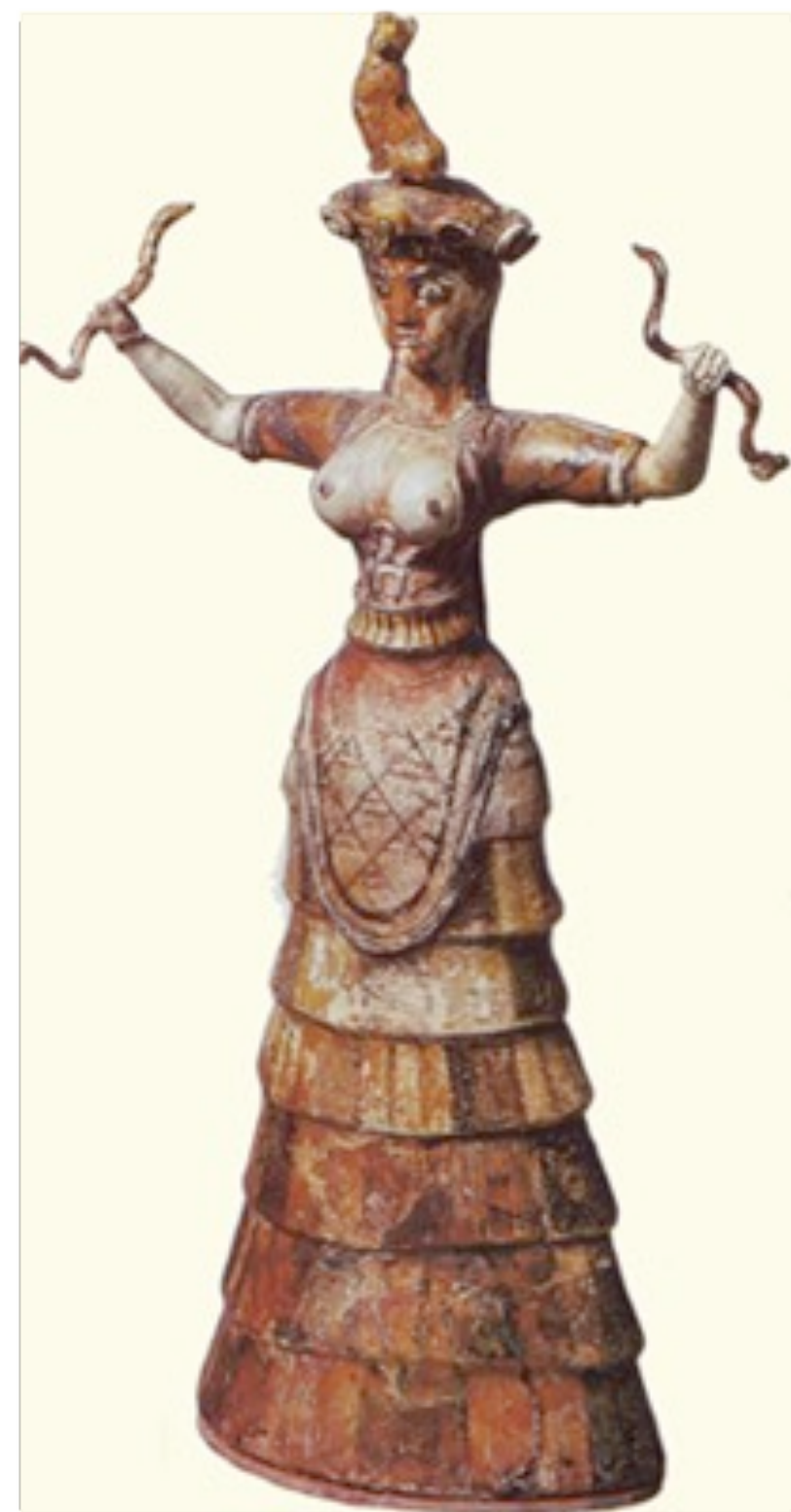
Horns: gold

Eyes: rock crystal

Nose: mother of pearl



# Snake Goddess



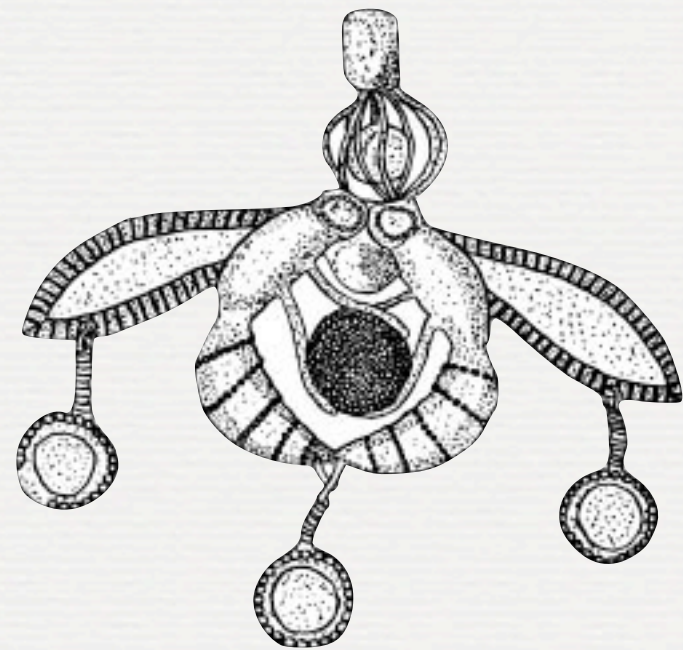


# MINOAN JEWELRY



Bee pendant

Invisible soldering







Gold Ring





Gold Pendant



# MINOAN SOCIETY

- Peaceful; No threat from outside
- Relative equality of sexes
- Scenes of warfare and hunting are absent in their art
- Minoan art depicts scenes of agriculture and the natural world
- Developed a drainage/sewage system



# AKROTIRI SITE

- Located on the island of Thera or Santorini
- The island was partially buried under ash from a volcano around 1500 or 1628 BC.
- Part of the island sank beneath the sea as the volcano's crater collapsed in upon itself.
- Atlantis?
- Tsunami from the quake destroyed much of Crete and Minoan Civilization







# THIRA (Santorini) before 1500 BC





# SANTORINI TODAY

























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# MYCENAEAN CIVILIZATION

## 1600 - 1110 BC



- Mycenaeans were Greek-speaking Indo-Europeans
- conquered Minoans and absorbed their culture
- Minoan earth goddess becomes Demeter & Persophone
- Hellenes
- Mycenaeans fought in Trojan War
- Small independent kingdoms with allegiance to the king of Mycenae
- Male dominated culture
- The Illiad and Odyssey were set during this period but written later.



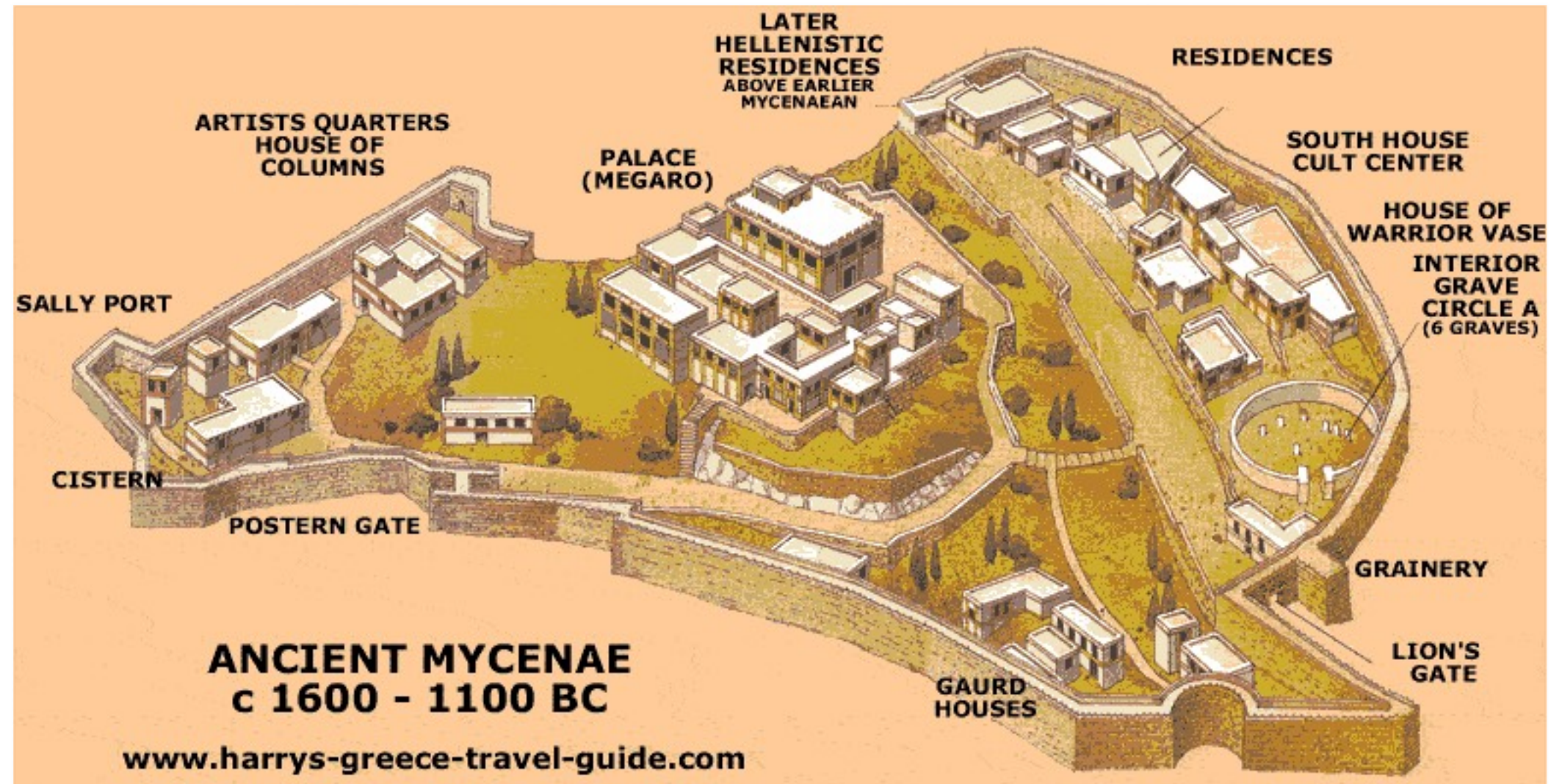
# HEINRICH SCHLIEMANN

- discovered the cities of Mycenae and Troy





# MYCENAE









# LION GATE















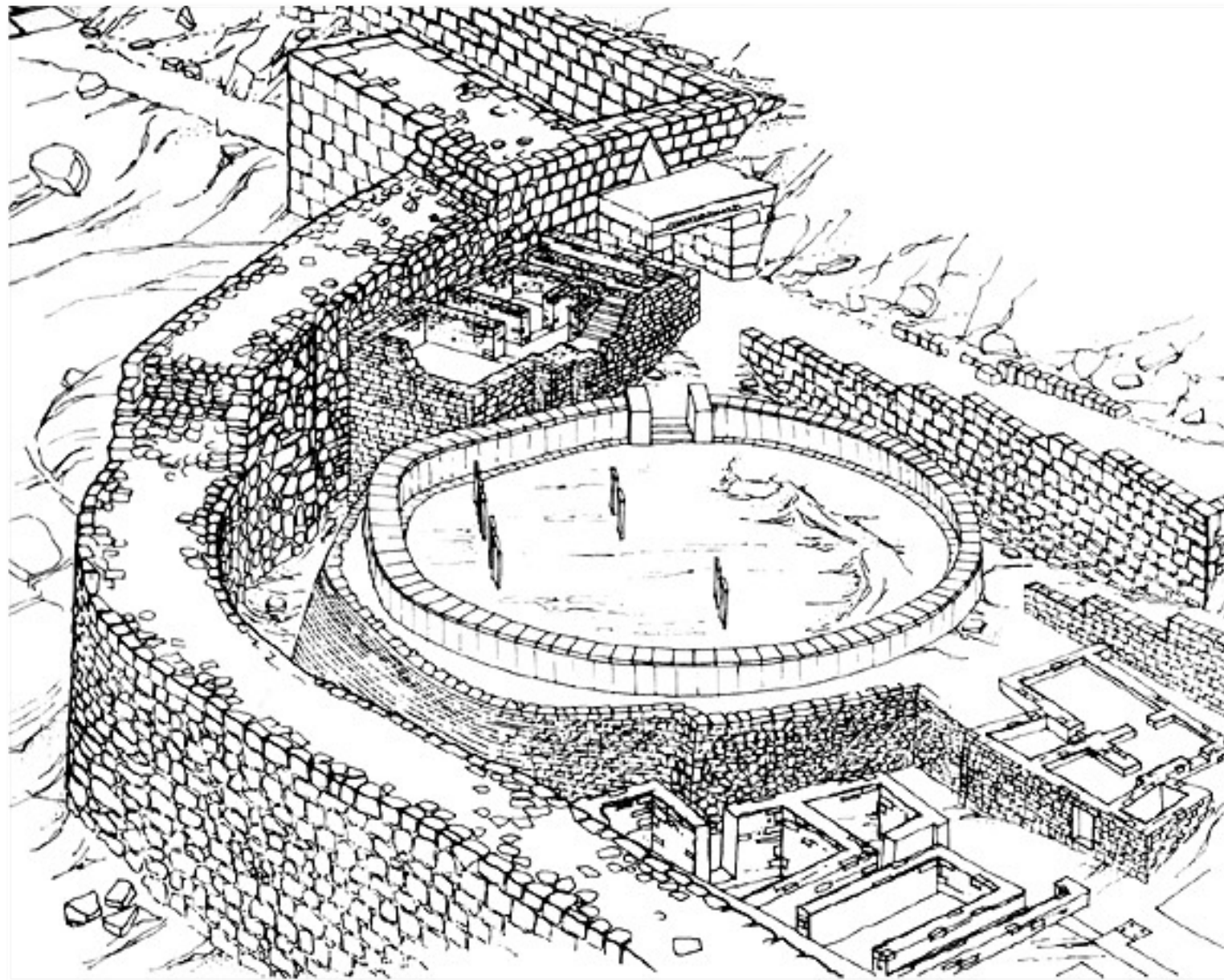
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# GRAVE CIRCLE





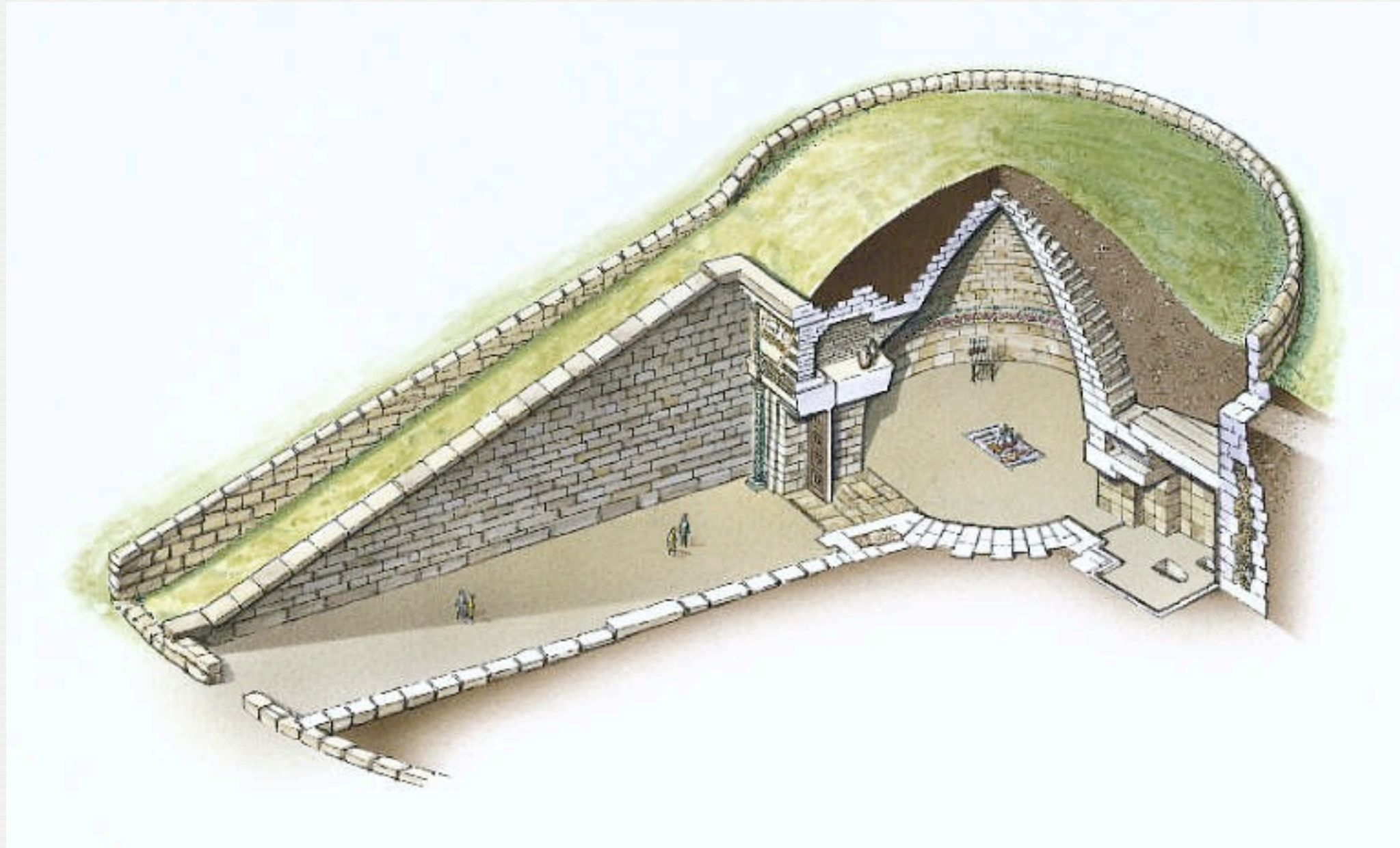




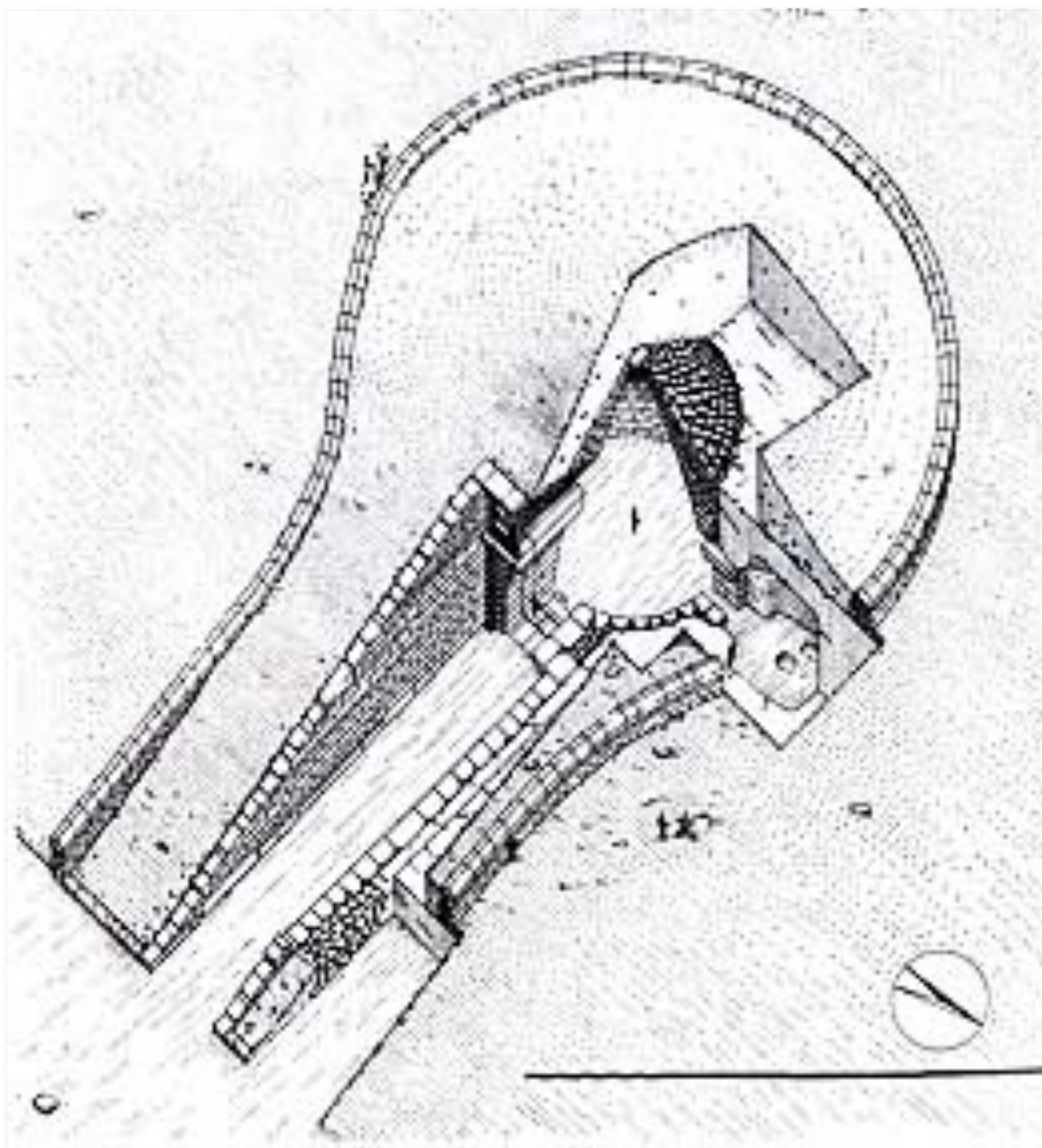




# THOLOS (BEEHIVE TOMB)

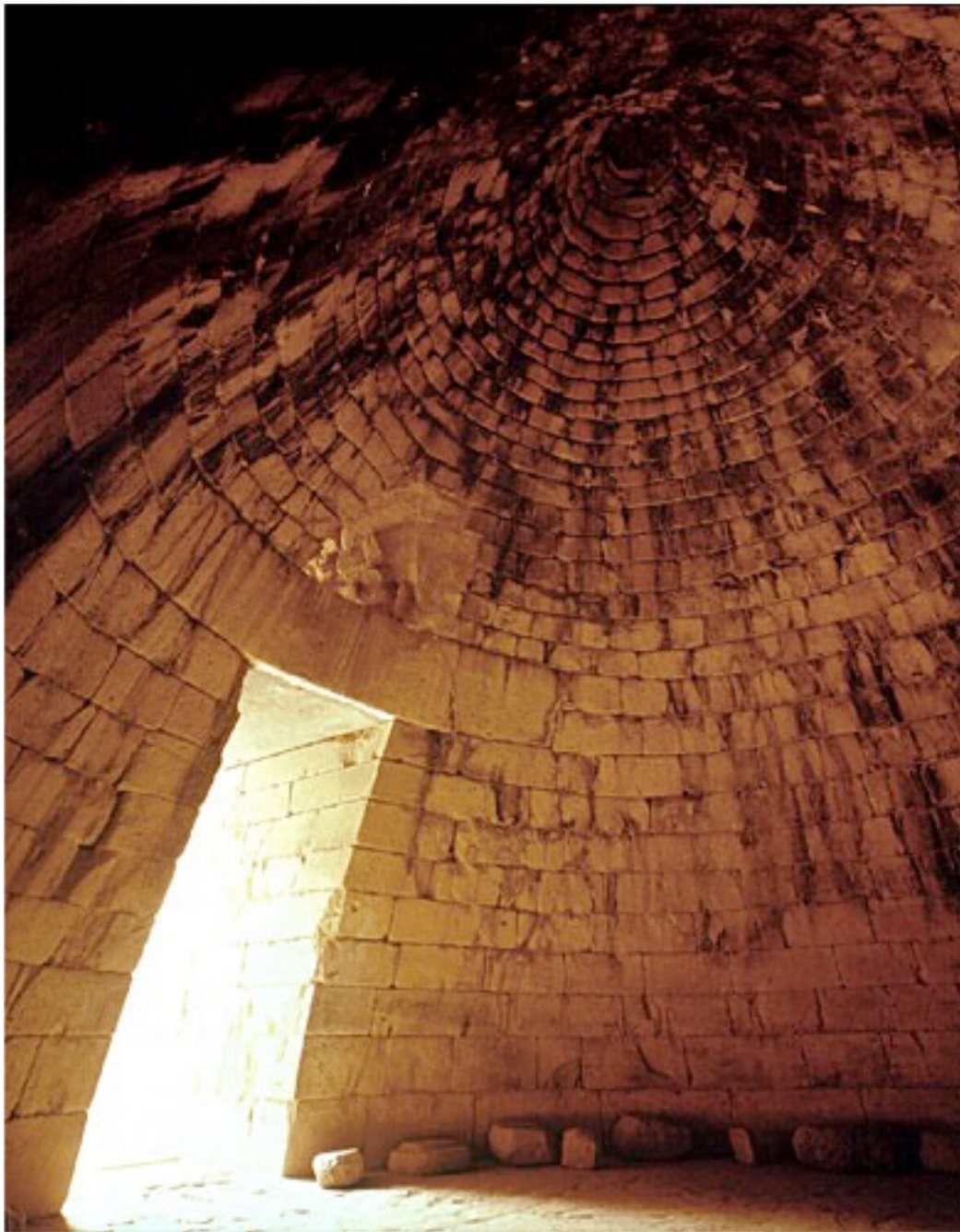




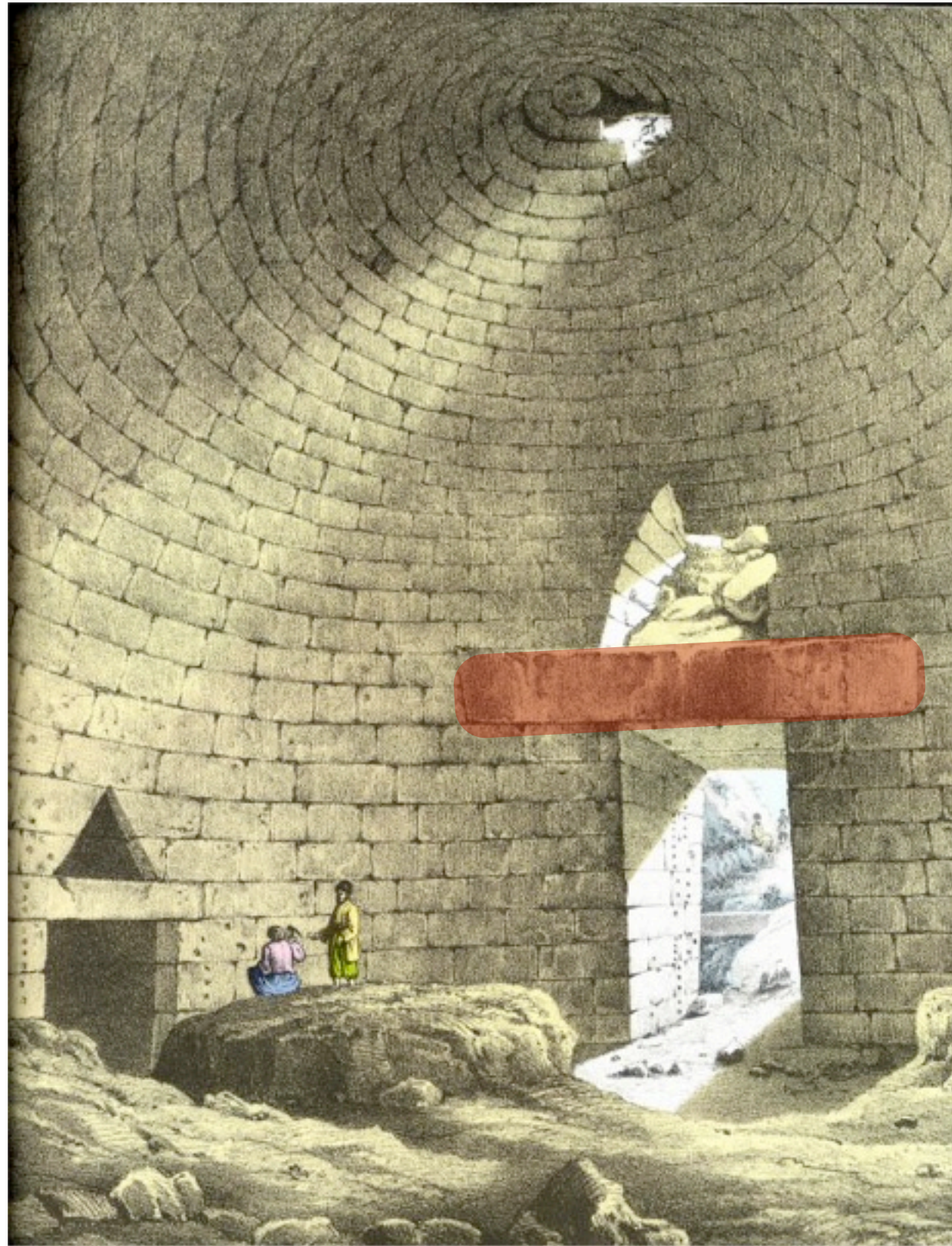




# TREASURY OF ATREUS









- Toreutics: art of working metal by hammering malleable metal to form minute detailed reliefs or small engraved patterns.
- Repoussé: is a metal working technique in which a malleable metal is ornamented or shaped by hammering from the reverse side.



# AGAMEMNON'S DEATH MASK?





















**THE END**