

ARC 231 OUTLINE

The Ancient Aegean

Objectives

- Recognize monuments & archetypes; know their dates and conditions under which they were built
- Explain how architectural remains reflect the main cultural values of Ancient Aegean cultures
- Interpret methods of construction in Minoan and Mycenaean architecture, especially in response to the local ecology
- Recognize and describe Minoan and Mycenaean aesthetic (decorative) traditions, especially the contributions made by the former

Historical Context (all BCE)

2600-1950	Early Minoan Era
1950-1570	Middle Minoan Period (writing appears)
1570-1400	Late Minoan Period
1400	Abrupt end of Minoan civilization
1400-1100	Mycenaean control established across region

Minoan

Knossos, The Palace ("of King Minos"): ca. 1700-1380 BC

Mycenaean

Lion's Gate, Mycenae (ca. 1300 BC)

Treasury of Atreus, Mycenae (ca. 1330 BC)

Terms

cyclopean

domos

fresco

megaron

relieving arch

tholos