

Review Sheet: Ancient Greece

Directions – The best way to study for your test on Ancient Greece is to create an annotated timeline that shows how one period of time led to another. In order to benefit from this review sheet you should answer all the questions in the order that they are presented.

Early Greek Civilizations

1. How did the geography of Greece lead to the rise of prosperous and powerful civilizations?
2. How can Greek Mythology and art/architecture help historians to understand the Minoan and Mycenaean civilizations?
3. Explain the role that geography played in the collapse of the Minoan civilization. How did this benefit the Mycenaeans?
4. How did the fall of the Mycenaeans give rise to the Polis?

The Rise of the Greek Polis

1. What role did geography play in the creation of the Polis?
2. What are the major characteristics of a Polis and how do they effect its formation?
3. How do the Athenians and Spartans compare to the Minoans and Mycenaeans? (culture, politics, education)

The Wars

1. Explain the indirect causes of the Persian wars.
2. How did the Persian wars lead to the creation of the Athenian Empire?
3. How did the Athenian Empire add to their power and authority?
4. How did the formation of the Delian League lead to the fall of Athenian Democracy? (This is a huge question.)

Greek Culture

1. What role did the Greek religion play in their cultural achievements?
2. Explain what the Olympics revealed in regards to Greek culture.
3. How did the philosophers seek to correct the problems that plagued Greece after the Peloponnesian war?

Alexander the Great

1. How did the Peloponnesian war lead to the rise of Macedonia?
2. How was Alexander able to conquer and control such an extensive empire?
3. How did Alexander's education lead to cultural diffusion?
4. Explain the changes made in culture as a result of Alexander's conquests.