

Homework:

Readings - Morris & Powell, *The Greeks: History*, Chapter 5, pp. 72-92; Chapter 6, pp. 93-118

Berkin & Anderson, *The History Handbook*, Chapter 3, pp.19-26

- The Greek Dark Ages (~1200-750BC)
 - Marked by drastic depopulation & disappearance of Mycenaean civilization

- Technological & cultural developments
 - Protogeometric pottery

 - Iron

 - Emigration

 - Memories survived in songs of bards
 - Epics of Homer

 - Heroic poetry
 - Ex. Seven Against Thebes, Siege of Troy, & Heracles legends

- Homeric Society
 - Homer defined early Greek beliefs & morality of culture & religion
 - Iliad & Odyssey
 - <http://www.sacred-texts.com/cla/homer/ili/index.htm>
 - <http://www.sacred-texts.com/cla/homer/ody/index.htm>
 - *Aretē*
 - Dominating warrior
 - Ex. the shield
 - *Basileis*
 - Circle of companions
 - Social system unstable

- Rival chiefs

— *The Odyssey*

- Odysseus

— Homer's "Greeks"

- Equal chieftains supporting Agamemnon

- Achaeans, Argives, and Danaans

— Upper-class women

- *Hetairai*

- Penelope

- Athena

- Nausicaa of Phaeacia

- Calypso

- Infidelity of Helen

- Reciprocity
 - Negative reciprocity

 - Deferred reciprocity

- Life begins anew slowly
 - Clans expanded

 - Villages reappeared

 - *Acropoleis*
 - Religious shrines

- Impact of Hesiod
 - Devised moral & political structure for Greece
 - Work and Days
 - Labour is the universal lot of Man, but he who is willing to work will get by
 - <http://www.sacred-texts.com/cla/hesiod/works.htm>
 - Theogony
 - Origins of world & gods
 - <http://www.sacred-texts.com/cla/hesiod/theogony.htm>
 - Gave tales peculiarly Greek twist
 - Muses
- Hesiod's aretē = "righteousness" & "honest work"

- Argued for “moderation” in all things
- Greeks followed Homer’s “virtue” & Hesiod’s belief in hard work