

Assignment:

Readings - Morris & Powell, *The Greeks: History*, Chapter 8, pp. 150-173

Berkin & Anderson, *The History Handbook*, Chapter 4, pp.27-36

Greece emerges from Dark Ages

- Change living space
 - Acropolis
 - Villages nearest to acropoleis & w/ religious shrines
 - Controlled by monarchy or oligarchy
 - *Polis*
 - *Aristoi*
 - *Thetes*
 - Archaic Age

- Many factors involved in recovery
 - Aegean close to East
 - Phoenician merchants
 - Desire of aristocracy

- Grain, lumber, metals, & slaves

- Greeks began expanding
 - Trading post at Al-Mina

 - Trade with Etruscans

 - Pharaohs allow enclave at Naucratis

- Colonization
 - Population increased

 - Emigrants sent by states

 - Leaders = aristocrats

 - Similar movement across southern rim

 - Colonies = release valve

- Hoplites
 - Phalanxes

 - Transformed Greek military tradition

 - Opportunity for landless poor

- “War-mad Greece”

- The Crisis of the Old Order
 - Aristocrats outstripped by non-aristocrat neighbors

 - Old Homeric world crumbled

 - Gods were affected

 - People expect more

 - Found new civilization

- Principal response = *polis*
 - Old centers became economic and cultural focal points

 - Evolve into true urban centers

 - *Polis* unique = state of mind

 - They were “citizens”
 - Authority rested on the people as a whole

 - No one above law

 - Took centuries to evolve

- Origins of the *Polis*
 - Quasidemocratic character
 - Kings weren't all-powerful
 - Aristocracy not feudal
 - Development of hoplite warfare
 - Community needs triumphed aristocratic display
 - Other factors
 - Just lucky
 - High culture = open

- Social Transformation
 - Upper-class women
 - Widening of base of military class
 - War = community act
 - Narrowing of definition of who belonged
 - "Us" and "them,"

- Ex. Sparta
 - Citizenship new form of aristocracy
 - Militarism grew
- Virtual social revolution
 - *Thetes* demanded liberation
 - *Tyrants*
 - Utilize hoplite phalanxes
 - *Tyrants* reformed poleis
 - Abuse by tyrants = rejection
- *Demokratía* varied