

Facts to Know

Mediterranean Sea	<i>"The Sea"; main body of water south of Greece</i>
Aegean Sea	<i>part of Mediterranean Sea; between Greece and Asia Minor</i>
Crete	<i>largest island in the Aegean Sea</i>
Minos	<i>famous king of Crete</i>
Thucydides	<i>ancient Greek historian</i>
Knossos	<i>chief city of Crete</i>
Mother Earth (Source of Life)	<i>chief goddess of Cretan religion</i>
Sea Kings	<i>invaders who destroyed Knossos</i>

"Currents have more than one way of running through a strait."

Strabo

"There is a land called Crete in the midst of the wine-dark sea, a fair land and a rich, begirt with water, and therein are many men innumerable and ninety cities."

The Odyssey

Vocabulary

1. piracy _____
2. artificer _____
3. fresco _____
4. flounce _____
5. society _____
6. votive offering _____
7. sentry _____
8. baldric _____

Comprehension Questions

1. Describe how Minos came to be the “Hero-King of Crete.”
2. How was the dress of the Cretan woman modern?
3. Why is it difficult to know much about Cretan religion and culture?
4. Describe some of the activities of young men during a day in Crete.
5. Describe the fall of Crete.

Activities

1. Begin a timeline to keep track of the history of ancient Greece. Add *1500 B.C. The Rise of Crete* to your timeline.
2. The Double Axe was an important symbol for power in ancient Crete. Create a list of images that show power in our society today.