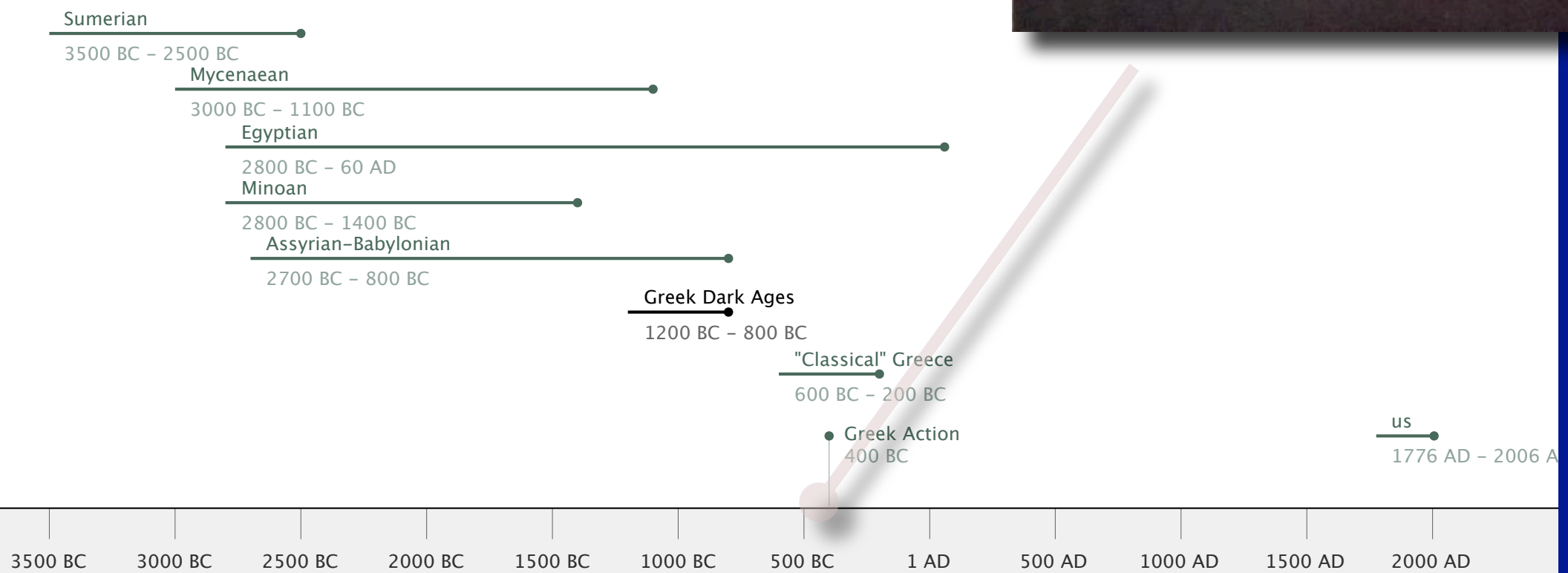


# the Greeks

## presocratics



3200 BC 3000 BC 2500 BC 2000 BC 1200 BC 1000 BC 200 BC 1 AD 200 AD 1000 AD 1200 AD 2000 AD







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There is a land called Crete, in the middle of the wine-dark sea, beautiful and fertile, surrounded by water; and in it there are many people, countless, and in ninety cities...and among them is Knossos, the great city, where Minos was king...

Odyssey





Minoa







# Knossos



a written language

“Linear A”

“Linear B”

syllabic

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Phoenician

Linear B decoded in 1953...an ancient form of Greek.















Sumerian

3500 BC – 2500 BC

Mycenaean

3000 BC – 1100 BC

Egyptian

2800 BC – 60 AD

Minoan

2800 BC – 1400 BC

Assyrian-Babylonian

2700 BC – 800 BC

Greek Dark Ages

1200 BC – 800 BC

"Classical" Greece

600 BC – 200 BC

Greek Action

400 BC

us

1776 AD – 2006 AD

3500 BC

3000 BC

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# Mycenaean Culture

Homer's folks







# Mycenaean culture

severe

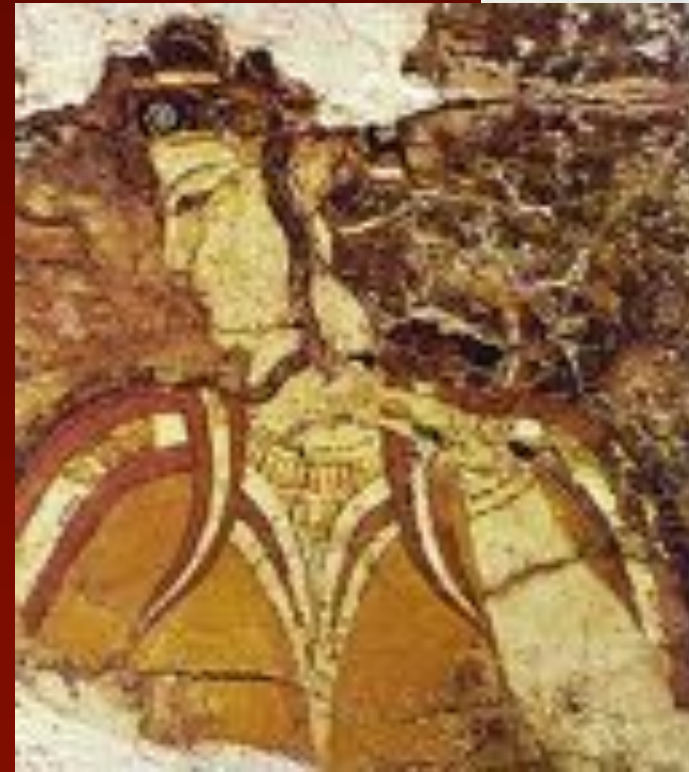














the pillage of Troy ~10 years, 1250 BC

(contemporary with Moses & Ramses II)

Dorians invaded in 1100 BC

and the lights went out for 450 years



always influential

Egypt

# their art

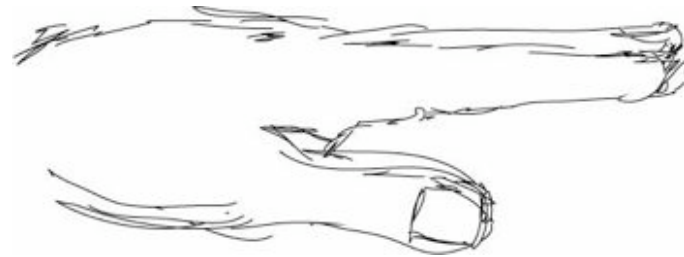


Funerary Scene, Egyptian, ~1450 B.C.

static

conceptual...abstract?

draw your hand  
**c'mon**





Portrait of Hesire, Egyptian,  
~2770 B.C. a wooden door





Fowling Scene, Egyptian, ~1450 B.C. limestone



Geese, Egyptian, ~2500 B.C.

unchanged

for a thousand years

# slowly

a mixed culture emerged

expansion and migration

true to Minoan roots: a sea-faring people

a unique political federation of City States



# early Greek art

three phases

Geometric Period: 1000 - 776BC

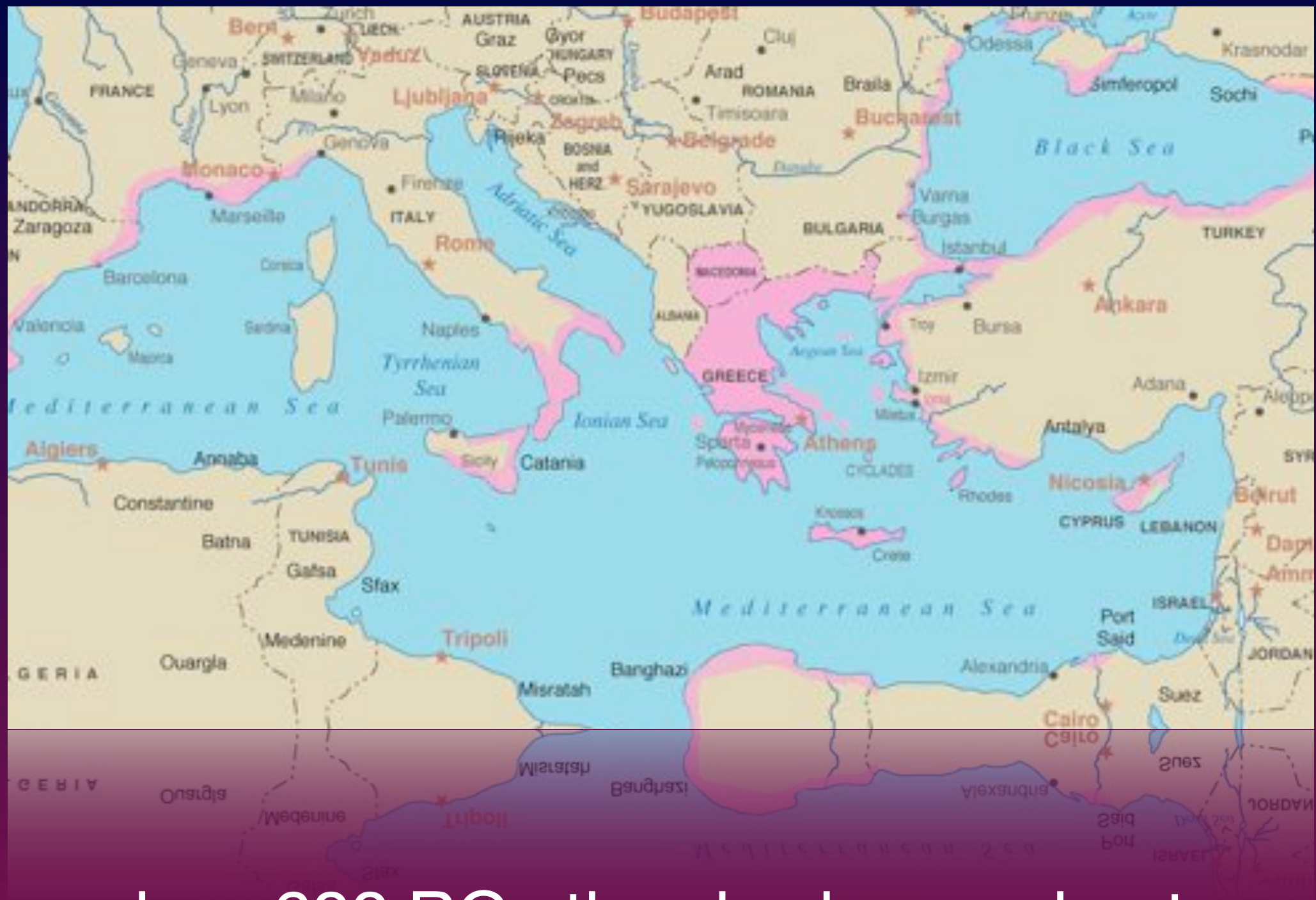
Orientalizing Period: 776 - 600BC

Archaic Period: 600 - 480BC

upon awakening:  
aeiou



Mourning of the Dead,  
Greek, ~750 B.C.



by ~600 BC...they had spread out  
the Aegean was their backyard

Olympic Games, Iliad/Odyssey, Persia on the rise



the jumping-off  
point

four things

brand new

(a)

**whyhow questions**



(b)

**abstraction**

(c)

**mathematics**



1, 2, 3

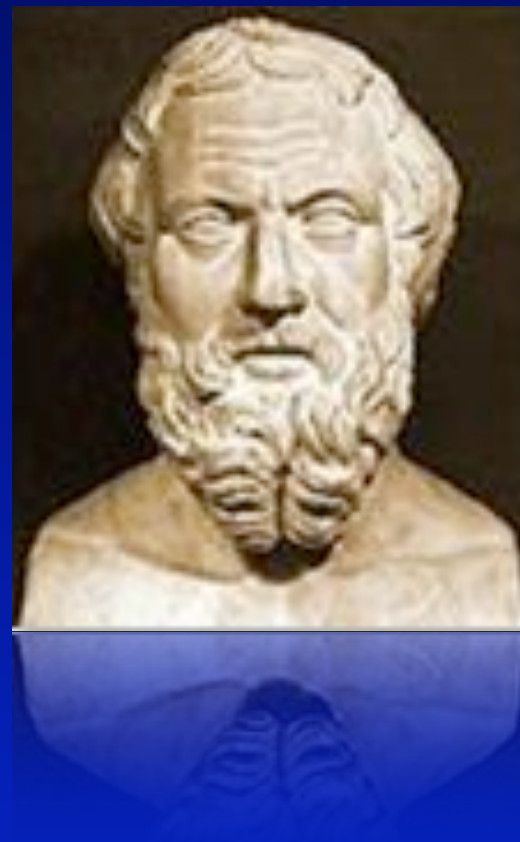
“3”



(d)

**history**

is a Greek invention.



“Herodotus of Halicarnassus hereby publishes the results of his inquiries, hoping to do two things: to preserve the memory of the past by putting on record the astonishing achievements both of the Greek and the non-Greek peoples; and more particularly, to show how the two races came into conflict.”



a new notion of time

