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Today's Letter

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Pylos

Banqueting

- Banqueting is a social institution that ties people together.
- Walls were covered by frescos

Tarzan Fresco - Hall 65

- Lots of depictions of men fighting
- Scenes of a chariot
- This hints to us that this would have been used by the lawagetas



Halls on the Second Floor

- These frescos have paintings of hunting
- Hall of the Wanax?

Pottery Stores

- Due to a fire, most things were moved around the town, however pottery wasn't moved
- There were two deposits of pottery in the city
- Tonnes of bowls, cups.
 - Kylix: a form of drinking cup that was primarily mycenaean

Storage of olive oil

- Pylos created perfumed olive oil
- Stored behind the throne room
- Hundreds of jars of olive oil with various perfumes/flavours

Perfume Samples

- Created with air lockable jars so that contents couldnt spill
- Samplers used for selling to places such as egypt

Textile Production

- They were perfuming their textiles
- Loom Weights

Mycenaean Religion

Pylos

- Behind the throne in the throne room there were lions and griffins
- Opposite wall
 - There was a large image of a man playing a lyre and a huge bird in front
 - Another depiction of two men drinking while sitting on stools
 - Third depiction was of a bull getting sacrificed
- Vestibule of the Throne Room
 - Procession of bulls, males, and females.
 - Carrying baskets of grain
 - *Bulls on parade* - Wes Martin 2019

Art

Tiryns

- Half Rosetta was a characteristic of Mycenaean palatial art
Also would be found in other cities of Mycenae

Women

- Typically in processions
- Wear the same clothing that we would see in Knossos
- Not the primary actors.
- Poor proportions

Women in chariot

- Strange depiction of women in a chariot found in Tiryns
- Were they goddesses?

Sculpture

- Found ivory, possibly from far east as it was Elephant
- Two women and a genderless bald child.
- Women seem to be important but we cant tell.

Ceramics

- Minoan Octopus is lifelike
- Eventually the octopus lost its shape
 - Eyes become concentric circles
 - Tentacle count is incorrect
- Hybridization
 - Mixing different elements of different pieces of art

The Trojan War

- Fable about the bronze age
- Written by homer
- Took place for 10 years

Mycenaean warfare

Armor

- We know the Mycenaeans wore armor
 - Even though they were often depicted as being nude
- We have evidence of shin guards
- The celts wore it better
 - Wore kilts
- Evidence of real armor
 - Made out of bronze

Boar's Tusk Helmet

- Had to kill a lot of boars
- Had an under layer of wicker
- Below the wicker was leather
- Homer has described these in his books

Shields

- Square shields
- Figure of 8 shields

Swords

- Stabbie
- Slicie
- We see them in use
- There are depictions of people using swords while riding chariots

Daggers

- Often ceremonial
- Found in shaft graves
- Not very effective

Spears + Bows and Arrows

- Often seen as cowardly
- Can be seen in use
- Used from chariots often

Chariots

- Used to ride in to the battle
- Would dismount and fight after
- Depictions show arrows and spears being thrown from chariots

Tactics

- We seem to see siege often
- Evidence is shaky but it exists
- Hero vs Hero type of fighting
 - Seen in the Iliad and on wall paintings
- Men can be seen marching in a row
- Wearing helmets, holding shields, and carrying spears.

The Iliad

- Very first work in epic literature

There was a prophecy that Thetis would give birth to someone more powerful than him. Zeus fucks everyone and everything. Zeus doesn't want to have a child that is more powerful than him. Zeus married Thetis off to a mortal. Might make a strong mortal.

Discord's gift:

- An apple for "the most beautiful goddess"
- Three people were there
 - Zeus's wife
 - His sister
 - His daughter
- Zeus trots the goddesses off to Paris
- They go to Paris and he has to judge between them
- Aphrodite promises Helen of Troy to this Paris dude

There's booty in the booty. Achilles gets the most booty, gives him the second most beautiful woman. This pisses off the gods, so they give the girl back. Achilles gets salty. Achilles doesn't want to fight. Achilles and Patroclus trade armor. Hector kills Patroclus, Achilles starts fighting again. Man needs SICK boots cause his feet suck.