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Today's Alphabet

Ζζ - Zeta

Zenith

Tablets

- Some use of text
- Labels for goods shipped/stored
- Tax records
- Census of people/animals
- Receipts
- List of goods for ceremonies/feasts
- Dedications
- Seals or documents/goods

Indo European Languages

- Strange Phaistos Disc
- Use unknown
- Found in the archival section of a palace

Megaron

- Defined by a large rectangular building with a porch
- In the center there is a hearth with 4 pillars around it

Domestic Quarters at Knossos

- Hall of the double axes: Kings Megaron
- Queen's Megaron
- We don't know the use of megarons
- Architecture is called Peristyle and Door

Ashlar Masonry

Pillared Hall

- Type of masonry using large dressed stones of the same shape and size.

Campstool Fresco

- Communal eating and drinking
- Occured in the west wing
- They had folding stools
- Mycenaean goblets

Conical Cups

- Large amount of these clay cups
- Greek red solo cups
- Did the greeks have beer pong?

Drinking Hierarchy

- At the top there were eggshell ware
- Middle had some nicer shaped cups but not amazing
- The bottom had terrible one use clay cups

Summary

Evans was Interested in Writing

- Motivation for excavations
- Reason he didn't publish scripts

Bull is most commonly-depicted

Reconstructions

- Good because it preserved the ruins
- Bad because materials used are destroying the ruins

Role of women in society - Prominent?

Use of "Palaces"

- Administrative centers
- Communal storage
- Communal gatherings
- Ritual spaces
- Residential spaces

Thera

- Santorini
- Southern most cycladic island.
- Not far from anatolia, crete, and other places.

Islands:

- Thira
- Thirassia
- Aspornisi
- Palia Kameni
- Nea Kameni

Strabo - Geographer

- Wrote about seeing Nea Kameni being born.

Nea Kameni

- Formed by a volcano
- 7 peroxisos
- Wasn't pillaged due to the ash

Minoanizing Pottery

- Researchers thought that this pottery must be minoan
- Close styles of native Cycladic with Minoan shapes
- Current thought is that this was people imitating Minoan styles

Cycladic Pottery

- Seen in shaft trades off-island
- Made with local clay
- Nipple jugs
- Standard weights and measures
 - Evidence that this could be a trading center
- Some weights in egyptian measurements too

Town Planning - Evidence of Bureaucracy

- Evidence of town planning
- Sewer pipes
- Possible center of Linear A administration

Communal Building

- We know they are communal because there is no cookware
 - Also made with ashlar masonry, huge blocks
 - Large amount of labour required.