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Today's Letter

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Crete

Mycenae

The king was Agamemnon.

The most powerful of the kingdoms.

Homer's Stories

The Sacrifice of Iphigenia

Agamemnon sacrificed his daughter to appease Artemis so the winds would blow.

The Abduction of Cassandra

Agamemnon took Cassandra, daughter of Priam, as a concubine after Troy fell.

Death of Agamemnon and Cassandra

Clytemnestra and Aegisthus kill Agamemnon and Cassandra. Heinrich Schliemann thought this was a true story.

[Heinrich Schliemann](#) - Discoverer of Troy

Was a businessman that made a fortune off Indigo dye. Created a bank and bought gold in California. He then went into archaeology.

Shaft Graves

- Grave for famous and powerful people.
- Existed in the middle to late bronze age.

- Communal tombs and were full of gold.

Grave circle A

Grave 3

- There was a baby buried in a full suit of gold
 - Suggests status was inherited in this period
- Ritualistic items, that existed for a cult
 - Minoan eastern looking
 - Nude women with birds on them

Golden Disks

- Hundreds of disks buried
- Had holes for attaching to clothes
- Many different designs

Gold foil cutouts

- Some of these are real animals some are fake
- Cut with really high design

Flowers

- Gold flowers that could be attached to stuff
- Manly thing
- Head decorations.

Gold Death Masks

- 5 masks were found
- Three were found in grave 4
- Two were found in grave 5
- There was one found in Grave Circle B

The "Mummy"

- Caused Schliemann to say he had gazed upon the face of Agamemnon
- Later he called the handsome mask agamemnon
- It was 400 years too early

Signet Rings

- Hunting

- Warfare

Swords

- 20-30 swords per person
- Could be trophies from battle
- Handle was a Cloisonné
 - It was a technique from Egypt

Grave Circle B

- Another elite burial
- The people who were buried here were the founders of the dynasty
- High status

Grave Gamma

- Siblings were buried
- Gamma 51 had a hole in his head, possibly for medical purposes

Grave Omicron

- There was a diadem similar to the one that was found in Grave 4

Rock Crystal Bowl

- Beautiful bowl
- Where did it come from
- Shows a connection to exotic goods

Tiryns