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Ancient Greece (Ancient Greek: ■λλ■ς, romanized: Hellás) was a northeastern Mediterranean  
civilization, existing from the Greek Dark Ages of the 12th–9th centuries BC to the end of classical  
antiquity (c. 600 AD), that comprised a loose collection of culturally and linguistically related city-states  
and communities. Prior to the Roman period, most of these regions were officially unified only once  
under the Kingdom of Macedon from 338 to 323 BC. In Western history