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HW #17 How did Greek Civilization Begin?

1. Minoan Civilization- The civilization comprised of the people who lived on Crete by 3000 BC.

Mycenaean Civilization- The civilization comprised of Indo-Europeans from the Eurasian steppes who migrated to the Greek mainland around 2000BC.  
Trojan War - The war between the Mycenaeans and Troy that lasted ten years in the 1200s BC  
The Iliad - An epic written by Homer that uses the Trojan war as its back drop and features the fierce Greek Achilles ad Hector of Troy  
The Odyssey - Another epic written by Homer that is a sequel of the Illiad that features Odysseus and his trip home after the fall of Troy.  
Arete - The Greek heroic ideal that means virtue and excellence.  
Agora - The central spot of several ancient Greek city-states where many activities in art, politics, athletics, and spiritual activities took place.

2. Ancient civilizations influenced and in turn were influenced by other civilizations. This is true in ancient Greece. The Mycenaeans came into contact with Minoan civilization sometime after 1500 B. The Myceneans adopted the idea of seaborne trade, the Minoan writing system, and Minoan decorations on vases. The religious practice, art, politics, and literature of the two civilizations mixed.

3. Homer's epics are considered the high point of Greek culture during the Dorian Age because during the Dorian age, economy and trade came to a standstill. The art of writing was temporarily lost between 1150 - 750 BC. However, the epics of Homer was one of the few stories that survived the time period and gave information about the values and virtues of the people during that time. The epics tell us about the Greek ideal of virtue and excellence. The Iliad has a scene where Hector's wife attempts to dissuade him from going to fight alongside the Trojans, but Hector goes to fight with the Trojans because he has learned to be brace ad to strive to win great fame. Hector decides to go fight because he has high moral standards and strives to be good.