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Find out what these objects are.

How would you describe them?
How might they have been used?

What might these objects tell us about Minoan women and their place in society?

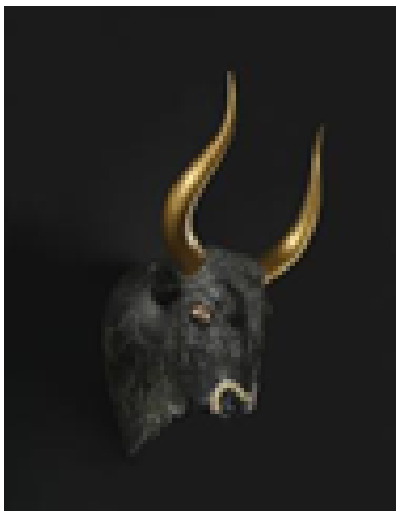


This is an example of fresco - wall painting onto wet plaster. What do you notice? What questions does it prompt? What impressions does this painting give of the palace's decoration and status?



Look closely at this seal ring. What do you think it is depicting? What material is it made from?

What evidence does this object give us about the Minoan culture?



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Why is this object so important?

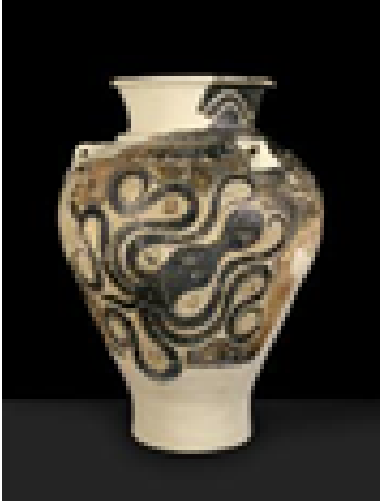





What value do replica objects have in a museum?



What do you think this jar might have been used for?

What does the design remind you of?

If you had to choose another object to display alongside this one, what would it be and why?

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|  | <p>What might this pot have contained? What does the main image show? What was the significance of the sea to people at the time? Can you find any further evidence of this in the gallery?</p> |  | <p>This is a seal showing a minotaur.</p> <p>What do you think this object was used for and who might have owned it?</p> |
|  | <p>Look closely at this clay cup. What do you notice?</p> <p>Does it remind you of anything you may have seen in your own home?</p> <p>Can you find evidence of the natural world on other artefacts?</p> |  | <p>This leaf-shaped Linear B tablet records details of a herd of sheep along with the name of the shepherd and the herd's owner.</p> <p>What does this tell us about the Minoans?</p> |
|  | <p>This is an ancient Greek silver coin from around 300 BCE.</p> <p>What evidence does its discovery on the island of Crete give us?</p> |  | <p>Find this pot showing Theseus and the Minotaur. Consider the other artefacts relating to this famous myth. Do you think Arthur Evans found sufficient evidence to 'prove' the myth happened at Knossos?</p> |