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The Iliad

Minoan Civilization (2200-1100 BCE)

- Crete
- King Minos (Knossos)
- Linear A

Mycenaean Civilization (1600-1100 BCE)

- Mycenae
- Linear B
- Trojan War (Anatolia; 1200 BCE?)

Greek Dark Age (1100-800 BCE)

- Depopulation
- Illiteracy

Homer (8th Century BCE)

- The *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*
- Oral composition → Phoenician script
- Epic poetry
 - Dactylic hexameter
 - Epithets
 - Similes
 - Interaction with gods
 - In medias res*
 - Shrewd observations
 - Themes
 - Heroic ideal

The Basic Story

Tradition

- Athenian Drama (5th Century BCE)
- Virgil - *The Aeneid* (1st Century BCE)
- Milton - *Paradise Lost* (1674)

Recovery

- Heinrich Schliemann (1822-1890)
- Arthur Evans (1851-1941)
- Milman Parry (1902-1935)

The Story Continues . . .