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The Iliad and Ancient Warfare

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

Inheritors

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)

Ancient Warfare

hoplites

phalanx