**Greek Overview Self-Study**

Ancient Greece was a truly remarkable society. Ancient Greek civilization is credited with creating the foundational philosophy of our own modern western civilization. Also architecture, drama, poetry, democracy, the Olympics, our concept of geography are all examples of the long lasting influence of this civilization. But let’s not forget that in all of Ancient Greece’s history there are less than 50 consecutive years of peace. Also, slavery, racism, sexism, torture, and ritual sacrifice were commonplace. So we are confronted with a history that is, on one hand inspirational in its sophistication, and on the other horrifyingly destructive. This ***dichotomy*** will help frame our discussion of Ancient Greece over coming weeks.

For our purposes we’ve divided the study of Ancient Greece into 3 main periods outlined below. Either in partners or individually, please create a unique and illustrative timeline that shows you’ve gathered ***at least four important facts from each time period that illustrate both what we would consider positive and negative today.*** You may create a digital or hard copy of whatever you wish to demonstrate and represent your understanding. You should use the following links to guide your research.

***Greece Overview Sites:***

[***http://www.ancient.eu.com/greece/***](http://www.ancient.eu.com/greece/)

<http://www.ancient-greece.org/index.html>

**1. Minoan & Mycenaean (2700 BCE – 1100 BCE)**

<http://www.flowofhistory.com/units/birth/3/FC17>

<http://historylink101.com/2/greece3/minoans-mycenaens.htm>

\*\*Dark ages (1100 BCE – 800 BCE) – We don’t specifically study this period but it important to know about.\*\*

**2. Classical Greece (500 BCE – 350 BCE)**

<http://www.ancient-greece.org/history/classical.html>

<http://www.history.com/topics/ancient-history/classical-greece> (good videos here)

**3. Alexander of Macedon, a.k.a. Alexander the Great (356 BCE – 323 BCE)**

<http://www.historyofmacedonia.org/AncientMacedonia/AlexandertheGreat.html>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/history/historic_figures/alexander_the_great.shtml>

**Assessment**

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| - Few or no time periods are explained with any sort of detail or supporting evidence  - Work is illegible, unorganized, no name, no criteria sheet, etc. | Minoan & Mycenaean  Classical Greece  Alexander of Macedon  Appearance, creativity, critical thought | - All 3 time periods explained extremely well in terms of things like characteristics, architecture, innovations, religion, cultural history, events, people, etc.  - Work is logical, neat, clear, organized, name, handing in this sheet, etc. |