

CHAPTER 9 BEGINNINGS

Activity 1 Focus on Ideas

Fill in the blank to form a summary of Chapter 9 by choosing the proper term from the words listed below.

arena	fortress-palaces	Mother Earth	palace
army	gymnasiums	Mount Juktas	park
city-states	Hellenes	Myceneans	pirate fleets
Crete	hunting bands	navigation	sea-trading
Dorians	Iliad	navy	Troy
farmers	Knossos	Odyssey	walls

Minoan civilization developed on the island of _____. At first, the Minoans were _____. Later, they began to earn a living from _____. The Minoans loved sports and built what was probably the world's first _____.

Minoan cities were different from those of other ancient civilizations. At the center of each city was a _____ rather than a temple. Also, Minoan cities did not have _____ around them. Instead the people relied on their _____ for protection. One of the largest Minoan cities was _____.

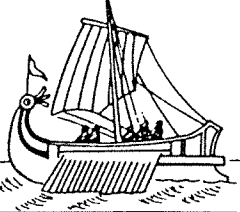
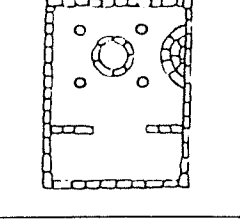

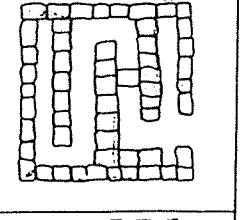
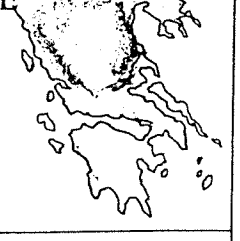
The Minoans worshipped many gods and goddesses. They especially honored the goddess _____. Minoan priest-kings looked for signs from the gods and goddesses at the top of _____.

About 1400 B.C. a group of people known as _____ took control of the Aegean area. Instead of cities, these people built _____. They learned many things from the Minoans, especially the skills of shipbuilding and _____. They formed _____ to raid nearby lands. Their attack on the city of _____ is told in an epic poem called the _____.

Around 1100 B.C., a people called the _____ conquered the Aegean area. As a result, the people of the region lost many skills and had to begin a new civilization. They formed small independent communities and began calling themselves _____.

Activity 2 Picture Dictionary

Write a complete definition for each vocabulary word below. Then match each vocabulary word with the correct picture by placing the letter of the picture after the proper definition.

labyrinth _____ _____ _____	<p>A</p> 
peninsula _____ _____ _____	<p>B</p> 
megaron _____ _____ _____	<p>C</p> 
frescoes _____ _____ _____	<p>D</p> 
double axe _____ _____ _____	<p>E</p> 
prow _____ _____ _____	<p>F</p> 