

Chapter 4: (Aegean Art) Guided Reading Questions

1. What types of materials were traded during the Aegean Bronze age?
2. Compare the Cycladic figure with the Venus of Willendorf. What similarities do they share, and what differences separate them? Could they be somehow related to each other?
3. Which ancient myth is inspired by and later led to the discovery of the archaeological remains of the Minoan civilization?
4. What differences do you note between the Palace at Knossos and the Palaces of Nimrud and Nineveh in Assyria? What do these differences demonstrate about the two cultures?
5. What is unique about Minoan fresco painting as compared to Egyptian paintings?
6. From whom were the Mycenaeans descended?
7. What is the Treasury at Atreus and what is significant about its construction technique?
8. How was gold utilized in the artwork of Mycenaean culture?

Key Images:

- Cycladic Figure
- Bull Dance Fresco
- Snake Goddess
- Octopus Vase
- Funeral Mask from Mycenae
- Three Diets