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The Measure of Civilization - Ian Morris 2014-02-23
Uses four factors--energy capture per capita, organization, information technology and war-making capacity--to attempt to show which world regions were the most powerful throughout all of human history.

Egypt, Greece, and Rome - Charles Freeman 2004
Covering more than four thousand years of ancient history, from the early Egyptians to the dawn of

Byzantium, an illustrated introduction to the Mediterranean's three major civilizations examines their links and traces their influence up to the present day. UP.

The Greeks - Roderick Beaton 2021-11-02

A sweeping history of the Greeks, from the Bronze Age to today More than two thousand years ago, the Greek city-states, led by Athens and Sparta, laid the foundation for much of modern science, the arts, politics, and law. But the

influence of the Greeks did not end with the rise and fall of this classical civilization. As historian Roderick Beaton illustrates, over three millennia Greek speakers produced a series of civilizations that were rooted in southeastern Europe but again and again ranged widely across the globe. In *The Greeks*, Beaton traces this history from the Bronze Age Mycenaeans who built powerful fortresses at home and strong trade routes abroad, to the dramatic Eurasian conquests of Alexander the Great, to the pious Byzantines who sought to export Christianity worldwide, to today's Greek diaspora, which flourishes on five continents. The product of decades of research, this is the story of the Greeks and their global impact told as never before.

The Greek Dark Ages -

Charles River 2020-08-20

*Includes pictures *Includes a bibliography for further reading When people think of ancient Greece, images of philosophers such as Plato or

Socrates often come to mind, as do great warriors like Pericles and Alexander the Great, but hundreds of years before Athens became a city, a Greek culture flourished and spread its tentacles throughout the western Mediterranean region via trade and warfare. Scholars have termed this pre-Classical Greek culture the Mycenaean culture, which existed from about 2000-1200 BCE, when Greece, along with much of the eastern Mediterranean, was thrust into a centuries long Dark Ages. Before the Mycenaean culture collapsed, it was a vital part of the late Bronze Age Mediterranean system and stood on equal footing with some of the great powers of the region, such as the Egyptians and Hittites. Despite being ethnic Greeks and speaking a language that was the direct predecessor of classical Greek, the Mycenaeans had more in common with their neighbors from the island of Crete, who are known today as the Minoans. Due to their cultural affinities with the Minoans and

the fact that they conquered Crete yet still carried on many Minoan traditions, the Mycenaeans are viewed by some scholars as the later torchbearers of a greater Aegean civilization, much the way the Romans carried on Hellenic civilization after the Greeks. Given that the Mycenaeans played such a vital role on the history in the late Bronze Age, it would be natural to assume there are countless studies and accurate chronologies on the subject, but the opposite is true. Although the Mycenaeans were literate, the corpus of written texts from the period is minimal, so modern scholars are left to use a variety of methods in order to reconstruct a proper history of Mycenaean culture, and what came after. The Greek Dark Ages, sometimes referred to as the Homeric Age or the Geometric Period, spans the era of Greek history from the end of the Mycenaean civilization around 1100 BCE and the emergence of the Greek poleis in the 9th century

BCE. It is an era that has provided little in terms of extant archaeological evidence, which in part explains the name "Dark Ages," but this lack of evidence has led some archaeologists and historians to make the very great assumption that little of any real significance occurred during these 200 years. Instead, they view it as a sort of hiatus between the collapse of the Mycenaean culture and the emergence of Archaic Greece. As with other so-called "Dark Ages," this assessment is simplified, and an absence of evidence should never be assumed as evidence of absence. While these two centuries were, indeed, a period of transition, they included events and developments that were specific to the time, most notably the development of iron for weaponry, and many of these developments were highly significant in the subsequent evolution of Archaic Greece. After all, it's crucial to keep in mind that places like Athens and Sparta

were inhabited throughout this time, and the impact of the Minoans, Mycenaeans, and others shaped their futures. The Greek Dark Ages: The History and Legacy of the Era Between the Fall of the Mycenaeans and the Rise of the City-States examines the overlooked time period, what life was like during it, and how it facilitated the rise of the famous poleis. Along with pictures depicting important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Greek Dark Ages like never before.

Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea -

Thomas Cahill 2004-07-27

NATIONAL BESTSELLER •

The bestselling author of *How the Irish Saved Civilization* takes us on a journey through the landmarks of art and bloodshed that defined Greek culture nearly three millennia ago. "A triumph of popularization: extraordinarily knowledgeable, informal in tone, amusing, wide ranging, smartly paced." —The New York Times Book Review In the city-states of Athens and Sparta and throughout the

Greek islands, honors could be won in making love and war, and lives were rife with contradictions. By developing the alphabet, the Greeks empowered the reader, demystified experience, and opened the way for civil discussion and experimentation—yet they kept slaves. The glorious verses of the Iliad recount a conflict in which rage and outrage spur men to action and suggest that their "bellicose society of gleaming metals and rattling weapons" is not so very distant from more recent campaigns of "shock and awe." And, centuries before Zorba, Greece was a land where music, dance, and freely flowing wine were essential to the high life. Granting equal time to the sacred and the profane, Cahill rivets our attention to the legacies of an ancient and enduring worldview.

The Rise Of The Greeks -

Michael Grant 2012-02-16

A fascinating and detailed guide to ancient Greece.

Michael Grant looks at the policies and government of the

hundreds of independent city-states and at the everyday life of the citizens. With fluency and scholarships he shows how the brilliance of the Ancient Greeks' civilization was by no means limited to the Golden Age of its classical fifth century, but its early period was remarkable too. For 500 years the Greek city-states achieved a civilisation which has been an inspiration and an ideal ever since.

MESOPOTAMIA, RISE AND FALL - A.J. Carmichael
2002-01-01

The most famous legacies of Mesopotamia are its human-headed, winged bulls and wedge-shaped writing system. Even though these objects offer a glimpse into an ancient culture's grandeur and mystery, the region's influence extends far beyond them. One of the first civilizations in the world, Mesopotamia is often called the "cradle of civilization." The civilization contributed to the development of written language, economics, law, and religion. The pages of this book discuss

many of these contributions. In Mesopotamia, for example, the lunar calendar was divided into two seasons, and the year was divided into 12 months. There were seven days in a week in the Sumerian calendar.

Sexagesimal, or base 60, mathematics survives to this day based on 60-minute hours and 24-hour days in

Mesopotamia. The term Mesopotamia is typically used by historians to refer to the region in southwest Asia that includes modern-day Iraq and parts of Turkey, Iran, and Syria. Hellenistic Greeks used Mesopotamos to refer to the area between the Euphrates and Tigris rivers. Fertile soil and water provided by these rivers enabled humankind to abandon its nomadic hunter-gatherer lifestyle and become sedentary and agrarian. The agricultural revolution was born in Mesopotamia because of this feature. Almost 2,000 years ago, Mesopotamia had little information about itself. The history and culture of the region are revealed in the Hebrew Bible. During the fifth

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century BC, Herodotus described the area for the first time. Anabasis ("Upcountry March"), a Greek mercenary, historian, and philosopher's account of his experiences crossing Anatolia and traveling along the Tigris and Euphrates, was written over 100 years later. A Chaldean priest of Bel who migrated to Greece left behind some of the region's most detailed and reliable accounts, even though his writings are only extant in fragments.

The Other Greeks - Victor Davis Hanson 1999-12-22
Victor Hanson shows that the "Greek revolution" was not the rise of a free and democratic urban culture, but rather the historic innovation of the independent family farm."--
BOOK JACKET.

Greek Ways - Bruce S. Thornton 2002-10
Writing with wit and erudition, Thornton discusses in fascinating detail those areas of Greek life--sexuality and sexual roles; slavery and war; philosophy and politics--that some modern critics have made

into Rcontested sites.S He also reclaims the importance of those core ideas the Greeks invented, ideas about human fate and purpose that have shaped the modern world.

The Birth of Classical Europe - Simon Price 2011-02-17

An innovative and intriguing look at the foundations of Western civilization from two leading historians; the first volume in the Penguin History of Europe The influence of ancient Greece and Rome can be seen in every aspect of our lives. From calendars to democracy to the very languages we speak, Western civilization owes a debt to these classical societies. Yet the Greeks and Romans did not emerge fully formed; their culture grew from an active engagement with a deeper past, drawing on ancient myths and figures to shape vibrant civilizations. In The Birth of Classical Europe, the latest entry in the much-acclaimed Penguin History of Europe, historians Simon Price and Peter Thonemann present a fresh perspective on classical

culture in a book full of revelations about civilizations we thought we knew. In this impeccably researched and immensely readable history we see the ancient world unfold before us, with its grand cast of characters stretching from the great Greeks of myth to the world-shaping Caesars. A landmark achievement, *The Birth of Classical Europe* provides insight into an epoch that is both incredibly foreign and surprisingly familiar.

Ancient Greece and the Mediterranean - Michael Kerrigan 2001

Provides an introduction to the archaeology, geography, and history of ancient Greece.

A Cabinet of Greek

Curiosities - J. C. McKeown 2013

A miscellany of odd stories and facts about the ancient Greeks, demonstrating how much they were--and were not--like us.

The Story of Civilization - Will Durant 1966

A history of Greek civilization and culture from Crete's Aegean empire to the Roman conquest of Greece.

How the Irish Saved

Civilization - Thomas Cahill 1996-02-01

The perfect St. Patrick's Day gift, and a book in the best tradition of popular history -- the untold story of Ireland's role in maintaining Western culture while the Dark Ages settled on Europe. Every year millions of Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but they may not be aware of how great an influence St. Patrick was on the subsequent history of civilization. Not only did he bring Christianity to Ireland, he instilled a sense of literacy and learning that would create the conditions that allowed Ireland to become "the isle of saints and scholars" -- and thus preserve Western culture while Europe was being overrun by barbarians. In this entertaining and compelling narrative, Thomas Cahill tells the story of how Europe evolved from the classical age of Rome to the medieval era. Without Ireland, the transition could not have taken place. Not only did Irish monks and scribes maintain the very record of Western

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Antiquity - Frederick G. Naerebout 2014-01-09
Antiquity: Greeks and Romans in Context provides a chronological introduction to the history of ancient

Mediterranean civilizations within the larger context of its contemporary Eurasian world. Innovative approach organizes Greek and Roman history into a single chronology Combines the traditional historical story with subjects that are central to modern research into the ancient world including a range of social, cultural, and political topics Facilitates an understanding of the ancient Mediterranean world as a unity, just as the Mediterranean world is in its turn presented as part of a larger whole Covers the entire ancient Mediterranean world from pre-history through to the rise of Islam in the seventh century A.D. Features a diverse collection of images, maps, diagrams, tables, and a chronological chart to aid comprehension English translation of a well-known Dutch book, *De oudheid*, now in its third edition
The Greek Achievement - Charles Freeman 2000-09
Tracing some two thousand years of history and culture, a historian provides a fresh,

thought-provoking study of an ancient civilization that transformed the Western world, celebrating the Greeks and their legacy--poetry, drama, philosophy, mathematics, medicine, art, and more. Reprint.

The Classical Greeks -

Michael Grant 1996

The golden age of ancient Greek city-state civilization lasted from 490 to 336 BC. This book concentrates on the individuals in the cultural, social, artistic and political history of the Classical Greeks, who shaped future civilizations, as well as their own. Placing the work of Sophocles, Aristophanes, Herodotus, Aristotle, the architect and sculptors of the Parthenon, Phillip II of Macedonia and many others in their historical context, Grant asks what gave rise to such outstanding achievement in the cultural, philosophical, scientific and literary spheres.

Greek, Mesopotamia, Egypt

& Rome - History Brought Alive 2021-12-08

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More From The World's Most Ancient Civilizations! Within this epic 4 book bundle are vibrant, exciting, and memorable characters - plus places, myths, history, legends and more from Ancient Greece, Mesopotamia, Egypt & Rome. Included in this Captivating 4 Book Collection are: Ancient Egypt: Discover Fascinating History, Mythology, Gods, Goddesses, Pharaohs, Pyramids & More From The Mysterious Ancient Egyptian Civilisation. Greek Mythology: Explore The Timeless Tales Of Ancient Greece, The Myths, History & Legends of The Gods, Goddesses, Titans, Heroes, Monsters & More Mythology of Mesopotamia: Insights, Myths, Stories & History From The World's Most Ancient Civilization. Sumerian, Akkadian, Babylonian, Persian, Assyrian. Roman Empire: Rise & The Fall. Explore The History, Mythology, Legends, Epic Battles & Lives Of The Emperors, Legions, Heroes, Gladiators & More We promise that once you've finished reading you'll not only take

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more How The Roman Military Became The Most Powerful In The World. How Mesopotamia Laid Foundations for Human Civilization - technology, laws, education, languages & more. Ancient Greek Monsters - Medusa, The Hydra, Typhon, Cerberus & More! Love, War, Suicide & Venom - The Cleopatra, Caesar & Mark Antony Love Triangle Mesopotamian epics & myths, including the Epic of Gilgamesh, The Babylonian Creation Myth, The Enuma Elish & many more. Uncovering The Secrets of The Pyramids & The Mysteries Mummification And much, much more... It's time to pull back the curtain and discover what it was really like back then. Get closer to those fantastic, colorful, and mysterious times. Whether you're a history enthusiast or just a curious reader...Inside you will discover a wealth of history, mythology, culture and more in this book.

The Rise and Fall of Ancient Egypt - Toby Wilkinson
2011-03-15

NEW YORK TIMES
BESTSELLER • “Magisterial . .
. [A] rich portrait of ancient
Egypt’s complex evolution over
the course of three
millenniums.”—Los Angeles
Times NAMED ONE OF THE
BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR
BY The Washington Post •
Publishers Weekly In this
landmark volume, one of the
world’s most renowned
Egyptologists tells the epic
story of this great civilization,
from its birth as the first
nation-state to its absorption
into the Roman Empire.
Drawing upon forty years of
archaeological research,
award-winning scholar Toby
Wilkinson takes us inside a
tribal society with a pre-
monetary economy and
decadent, divine kings who
ruled with all-too-recognizable
human emotions. Here are the
legendary leaders: Akhenaten,
the “heretic king,” who with his
wife Nefertiti brought about a
revolution with a bold new
religion; Tutankhamun, whose
dazzling tomb would remain
hidden for three millennia; and
eleven pharaohs called

Ramesses, the last of whom
presided over the militarism,
lawlessness, and corruption
that caused a political and
societal decline. Filled with
new information and unique
interpretations, *The Rise and
Fall of Ancient Egypt* is a
riveting and revelatory work of
wild drama, bold spectacle,
unforgettable characters, and
sweeping history. “With a
literary flair and a sense for a
story well told, Mr. Wilkinson
offers a highly readable,
factually up-to-date
account.”—The Wall Street
Journal “[Wilkinson] writes
with considerable verve. . . .
[He] is nimble at conveying the
sumptuous pageantry and
cultural sophistication of
pharaonic Egypt.”—The New
York Times
Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea -
Thomas Cahill 2010-04-21
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Thomas Cahill's Heretics and Heroes.

Some Problems of Greek

History - Arnold Toynbee 1969
Includes: Part III. The rise and decline of Sparta.

The Rise and Fall of Ancient Greece - History 3rd Grade | Children's History Books -

Baby Professor 2017-03-15
Despite being hundreds of years ago, the events in Ancient Greece have set to motion different beliefs, values and practices that societies today still take advantage of. Appreciation of the past will pave the way for a deep understanding of the present and the future. A third grader should be introduced to these facts beginning today. Begin reading now!

Greeks - Michael Grant 1958

1177 B.C. - Eric H. Cline
2015-09-22

A bold reassessment of what caused the Late Bronze Age collapse In 1177 B.C., marauding groups known only as the "Sea Peoples" invaded Egypt. The pharaoh's army and navy managed to defeat them,

but the victory so weakened Egypt that it soon slid into decline, as did most of the surrounding civilizations. After centuries of brilliance, the civilized world of the Bronze Age came to an abrupt and cataclysmic end. Kingdoms fell like dominoes over the course of just a few decades. No more Minoans or Mycenaeans. No more Trojans, Hittites, or Babylonians. The thriving economy and cultures of the late second millennium B.C., which had stretched from Greece to Egypt and Mesopotamia, suddenly ceased to exist, along with writing systems, technology, and monumental architecture. But the Sea Peoples alone could not have caused such widespread breakdown. How did it happen? In this major new account of the causes of this "First Dark Ages," Eric Cline tells the gripping story of how the end was brought about by multiple interconnected failures, ranging from invasion and revolt to earthquakes, drought, and the cutting of international trade routes.

Bringing to life the vibrant multicultural world of these great civilizations, he draws a sweeping panorama of the empires and globalized peoples of the Late Bronze Age and shows that it was their very interdependence that hastened their dramatic collapse and ushered in a dark age that lasted centuries. A compelling combination of narrative and the latest scholarship, 1177 B.C. sheds new light on the complex ties that gave rise to, and ultimately destroyed, the flourishing civilizations of the Late Bronze Age—and that set the stage for the emergence of classical Greece.

The Story of Greece and Rome - Tony Spawforth

2020-02-11

The extraordinary story of the intermingled civilizations of ancient Greece and Rome, spanning more than six millennia from the late Bronze Age to the seventh century The magnificent civilization created by the ancient Greeks and Romans is the greatest legacy of the classical world.

However, narratives about the

"civilized" Greek and Roman empires resisting the barbarians at the gate are far from accurate. Tony Spawforth, an esteemed scholar, author, and media contributor, follows the thread of civilization through more than six millennia of history. His story reveals that Greek and Roman civilization, to varying degrees, was supremely and surprisingly receptive to external influences, particularly from the East. From the rise of the Mycenaean world of the sixteenth century B.C., Spawforth traces a path through the ancient Aegean to the zenith of the Hellenic state and the rise of the Roman empire, the coming of Christianity and the consequences of the first caliphate. Deeply informed, provocative, and entirely fresh, this is the first and only accessible work that tells the extraordinary story of the classical world in its entirety. The Evolution of Civilizations - Carroll Quigley 1979

Carroll Quigley was a legendary teacher at the

Georgetown School of Foreign Service. His course on the history of civilization was extraordinary in its scope and in its impact on students. Like the course, The Evolution of Civilizations is a comprehensive and perceptive look at the factors behind the rise and fall of civilizations. Quigley examines the application of scientific method to the social sciences, then establishes his historical hypotheses. He poses a division of culture into six levels from the abstract to the more concrete. He then tests those hypotheses by a detailed analysis of five major civilizations: the Mesopotamian, the Canaanite, the Minoan, the classical, and the Western. Quigley defines a civilization as "a producing society with an instrument of expansion." A civilization's decline is not inevitable but occurs when its instrument of expansion is transformed into an institution--that is, when social arrangements that meet real social needs are transformed into social

institutions serving their own purposes regardless of real social needs.

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2010-04-28

The perfect St. Patrick's Day gift, and a book in the best tradition of popular history -- the untold story of Ireland's role in maintaining Western culture while the Dark Ages settled on Europe. Every year millions of Americans celebrate St. Patrick's Day, but they may not be aware of how great an influence St. Patrick was on the subsequent history of civilization. Not only did he bring Christianity to Ireland, he instilled a sense of literacy and learning that would create the conditions that allowed Ireland to become "the isle of saints and scholars" -- and thus preserve Western culture while Europe was being overrun by barbarians. In this entertaining and compelling narrative, Thomas Cahill tells the story of how Europe evolved from the classical age of Rome to the medieval era. Without Ireland, the transition could not have

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Heroes.

History of Civilizations of Central Asia - M. S. Asimov
1992

Volume II presents an account of various population movements and cultural exchanges in Central Asia between 700 B.C. and 250 A.D. Important nomadic tribal cultures such as the Kushans emerged during this period. Contacts between the Mediterranean and the Indus Valley were reinforced by the campaigns of Alexander the Great and, under his successors, the progressive syncretism between Zoroastrianism, Greek religion and Buddhism gave rise to a new civilization instituted by the Parthians, known for its artistic creations. Under Kushan rule, Central Asia became the crossroads of a prosperous trade between the Mediterranean and China along the Silk Route.

By the Spear - Ian Worthington
2014

Looks at the relationship between Philip II and his son, Alexander the Great, and their

roles in the rise of the Macedonian empire.

The Emergence of Civilisation Revisited - John C. Barrett 2004

The history of archaeology is a history of great discoveries and a history of the debate about the human condition. It is a history of how we understand and link to our history, and it is unsurprising then that archaeology changes over time, bringing new perspectives to our view of the past. Thirty years on from Colin Renfrew's landmark publication, *The Emergence of Civilisation*, a group of Aegean prehistorians came together as part of the Sheffield Centre for Aegean Archaeology's Round Table discussions to acknowledge this ground-breaking work and to bring the subject up to date. They focus on the themes that Renfrew brought to archaeology through this work, and which continue to be of significance today: the way we characterise the context and the nature of change; the methodological procedures that should be followed; and

the interpretation of the dynamics of past societies. Fourteen papers from the discussions, including contributions from John Cherry, Todd Whitelaw and Renfrew himself, examine a fascinating and diverse section of topics including; settlement, leadership and social status.

Greece - Stefano Maggi 2014 Structured like an easily handled guide, but with the addition of drawings and photographs, 'Greece' has simple yet exhaustive itineraries of the rooms and museums in the country. It breaks down the subject matter by chronology and theme into chapters dedicated to the most important collections.

The Rise of Athens - Anthony Everitt 2017-09-26

A magisterial account of how a tiny city-state in ancient Greece became history's most influential civilization, from the bestselling author of acclaimed biographies of Cicero, Augustus, and Hadrian Filled with tales of adventure and astounding reversals of fortune, *The Rise of Athens*

celebrates the city-state that transformed the world—from the democratic revolution that marked its beginning, through the city's political and cultural golden age, to its decline into the ancient equivalent of a modern-day university town.

Anthony Everitt constructs his history with unforgettable portraits of the talented, tricky, ambitious, and unscrupulous Athenians who fueled the city's rise: Themistocles, the brilliant naval strategist who led the Greeks to a decisive victory over their Persian enemies; Pericles, arguably the greatest Athenian statesman of them all; and the wily Alcibiades, who changed his political allegiance several times during the course of the Peloponnesian War—and died in a hail of assassins' arrows. Here also are riveting you-are-there accounts of the milestone battles that defined the Hellenic world:

Thermopylae, Marathon, and Salamis among them. An unparalleled storyteller, Everitt combines erudite, thoughtful historical analysis with stirring narrative set pieces that

capture the colorful, dramatic, and exciting world of ancient Greece. Although the history of Athens is less well known than that of other world empires, the city-state's allure would inspire Alexander the Great, the Romans, and even America's own Founding Fathers. It's fair to say that the Athenians made possible the world in which we live today. In this peerless new work, Anthony Everitt breathes vivid life into this most ancient story. Praise for *The Rise of Athens* "[An] invaluable history of a foundational civilization . . . combining impressive scholarship with involving narration."—Booklist "Compelling . . . a comprehensive and entertaining account of one of the most transformative societies in Western history . . . Everitt recounts the high points of Greek history with flair and aplomb."—Shelf Awareness "Highly readable . . . Everitt keeps the action moving."—Kirkus Reviews Praise for Anthony Everitt's *The Rise of Rome* "Rome's

history abounds with remarkable figures. . . . Everitt writes for the informed and the uninformed general reader alike, in a brisk, conversational style, with a modern attitude of skepticism and realism."—The Dallas Morning News "[A] lively and readable account . . . Roman history has an uncanny ability to resonate with contemporary events."—Maclean's "Elegant, swift and faultless as an introduction to his subject."—The Spectator "An engrossing history of a relentlessly pugnacious city's 500-year rise to empire."—Kirkus Reviews "Fascinating history and a great read."—Chicago Sun-Times *Individual and Community* - Chester G. Starr 1986 During the three centuries from 800 to 500 B.C., the Greek world evolved from a primitive society--both culturally and economically--to one whose artistic products dominated all Mediterranean markets, supported by a wide overseas trade. In the following

two centuries came the literary, philosophical, and artistic masterpieces of the classic area. Vital to this advance was the development of the polis, a collective institution in which citizens had rights as well as duties under the rule of law, a system hitherto unknown in human history. In this study, the first systematic exploration of the forces that created the political framework of Greek civilization, Chester Starr shows how the Greeks emerged from a Homeric world of individuals to the polis of 500 B.C. The age-old conflict between the self-serving demands of human beings and the less vocally-expressed needs of the community serves as the backbone of Starr's interdisciplinary analysis of the rise of the polis.

Carthage Must Be Destroyed

- Richard Miles 2011-07-21
The first full-scale history of Hannibal's Carthage in decades and "a convincing and enthralling narrative." (The Economist) Drawing on a wealth of new research,

archaeologist, historian, and master storyteller Richard Miles resurrects the civilization that ancient Rome struggled so mightily to expunge. This monumental work charts the entirety of Carthage's history, from its origins among the Phoenician settlements of Lebanon to its apotheosis as a Mediterranean empire whose epic land-and-sea clash with Rome made a legend of Hannibal and shaped the course of Western history. Carthage Must Be Destroyed reintroduces readers to the ancient glory of a lost people and their generations-long struggle against an implacable enemy.

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The Aristocratic Temper of Greek Civilization - Chester G. Starr 1992-04-30

A timely reassessment of the

vital social, cultural, and political role of the aristocrat in Greek society, this book by distinguished historian Chester G. Starr provides a concise portrait of the upper classes and their way of life. Arguing that the influence of the aristocrat on ancient Hellenic civilization is undervalued by both modern Western and Marxist scholars, Starr takes a close look at the social spectrum of ancient Greece, examining the consequences of the aristocrats' domination of the ancient polis, their involvement in and patronage of the arts, and their impact on the structure of religion and on the ancient Greeks' visual perception of their pantheon of gods. In a final chapter, Starr concludes that the influence of the aristocratic ideal did not end when ancient civilization flickered out, but rather was reborn in the Renaissance and has had powerful effect on the course of modern Western history.

Ancient Greece - Thomas R. Martin 1996

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and social history of Greece from the Stone Age through the rise of Alexander the Great and the disintegration of his empire after his death
Aspects of Greek History, 750-323 BC - Terry Buckley
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Aspects of Greek History, 750 - 323 BC is an up-to-date textbook on ancient Greek history that, topic- by-topic, uses a wealth of original sources to interpret this history for those with little prior knowledge of the subject. Chapter by chapter, the relevant historical periods from the age of colonisation to Alexander the Great are reconstructed. The book covers the main literary sources: Aristotle, Diodorus, Herodotus, Plutarch, Thucydides, and Xenophon; Greek political and military history from the beginnings to Alexander's Battle of Gaugamela. It includes maps, a glossary of Greek terms, and a full bibliography. Overall, this is an indispensable collection of material for the student of classics as well as the general

reader, who requires a grounding in Greek history.
Civilization Before Greece and Rome - H. W. F. Saggs
For many centuries it was accepted that civilization began with the Greeks and Romans. During the last two hundred years, however, archaeological discoveries in Egypt, Mesopotamia, Crete, Syria, Anatolia, Iran, and the Indus Valley have revealed that rich cultures existed in these regions some two thousand years before the Greco-Roman era. In this fascinating work, H.W.F Saggs presents a wide-ranging survey of the more notable achievements of these societies, showing how much the ancient peoples of the Near and Middle East have influenced the patterns of our daily lives. Saggs discusses the invention of writing, tracing it from the earliest pictograms (designed for account-keeping) to the Phoenician alphabet, the source of the Greek and all European alphabets. He investigates the curricula, teaching methods, and values

of the schools from which scribes graduated. Analyzing the provisions of some of the law codes, he illustrates the operation of international law and the international trade that it made possible. Saggs highlights the creative ways that these ancient peoples used their natural resources, describing the vast works in stone created by the Egyptians, the development of technology in bronze and iron, and the introduction of useful plants into regions outside their natural habitat. In chapters on mathematics, astronomy, and medicine, he offers interesting explanations about how modern calculations of time derive from the ancient world, how the Egyptians practiced scientific surgery, and how the Babylonians used algebra. The book concludes with a discussion of ancient religion, showing its evolution from the most primitive forms toward monotheism.

The Rise and Fall of Classical Greece - Josiah Ober

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A major new history of classical

Greece—how it rose, how it fell, and what we can learn from it Lord Byron described Greece as great, fallen, and immortal, a characterization more apt than he knew. Through most of its long history, Greece was poor. But in the classical era, Greece was densely populated and highly urbanized. Many surprisingly healthy Greeks lived in remarkably big houses and worked for high wages at specialized occupations. Middle-class spending drove sustained economic growth and classical wealth produced a stunning cultural efflorescence lasting hundreds of years. Why did Greece reach such heights in the classical period—and why only then? And how, after "the Greek miracle" had endured for centuries, did the Macedonians defeat the Greeks, seemingly bringing an end to their glory? Drawing on a massive body of newly available data and employing novel approaches to evidence, Josiah Ober offers a major new history of classical Greece and an unprecedented account of

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its rise and fall. Ober argues that Greece's rise was no miracle but rather the result of political breakthroughs and economic development. The extraordinary emergence of citizen-centered city-states transformed Greece into a society that defeated the mighty Persian Empire. Yet Philip and Alexander of Macedon were able to beat the Greeks in the Battle of Chaeronea in 338 BCE, a victory made possible by the Macedonians' appropriation of Greek innovations. After

Alexander's death, battle-hardened warlords fought ruthlessly over the remnants of his empire. But Greek cities remained populous and wealthy, their economy and culture surviving to be passed on to the Romans—and to us. A compelling narrative filled with uncanny modern parallels, this is a book for anyone interested in how great civilizations are born and die. This book is based on evidence available on a new interactive website. To learn more, please visit: <http://polis.stanford.edu/>.