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Facts to Know

Mediterranean Sea	“The Sea”; main body of water south of Greece
Aegean Sea	part of Mediterranean Sea; between Greece and Asia Minor
Crete	largest island in the Aegean Sea
Minos	famous king of Crete
Thucydides	ancient Greek historian
Knossos	chief city of Crete
Mother Earth (Source of Life)	chief goddess of Cretan religion
Sea Kings	invaders who destroyed Knossos

“Currents have more than one way of running through a strait.” – Strabo

“There is a land called Crete in the midst of the wine-dark sea, a fair land and a rich, begirt with water, and therein are many men innumerable and ninety cities.” – The Odyssey

Vocabulary

1. piracy _____
2. artificer _____
3. fresco _____
4. flounce _____
5. society _____
6. votive offering _____
7. sentry _____
8. baldric _____

Comprehension Questions

1. Describe how Minos came to be the hero-king of Crete.

2. How was the dress of the Cretan woman modern?

3. Why is it difficult to know much about Cretan religion and culture?

4. Describe some of the activities of young men during a day in Crete.

5. Describe the fall of Crete.

Activities

1. Begin a timeline to keep track of the history of ancient Greece. Add *1500 B.C. The Rise of Crete* to your timeline.
2. The Double Axe was an important symbol for power in ancient Crete. Create a list of images that show power in our society today.