

# Pre-Hellenic civilisations



## Drag and drop

between      eastern      walled      Ancient      city      Bronze      kings  
disappeared      trade      settled

Minoan Crete and Mycenae were important civilisations in the Mediterranean. These pre-Hellenic civilisations existed before Greece appeared:

- **Minoan Crete.** Minoan civilisation developed in **Crete** during the Bronze Age. Crete had an important role in trade across the eastern Mediterranean. Crete was ruled by powerful kings, including the legendary **King Minos**. **Knossos** was its most important city.
- **Mycenae** was another Bronze Age civilisation. In about 1400 BC, a northern people called the **Achaeans** invaded the Balkans and built walled cities. Mycenaean society was dominated by **warriors**, who were ruled by a king.
- **The Dark Age.** Mycenaean civilisation disappeared in about 1150 BC. We do not know much about the period between the 11<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> centuries BC.