

COLONIZATION, TYRANNY & THE ARCHAIC

AGE

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UNIT 1 - LECTURE 3



- Amphora by Exekias
- 675-525 BC
- Attic Black Figure Pottery
- Developed in Archaic Period
- Most popular pottery in this period
- Made in Athens
- Found throughout the Mediterranean

Ionía

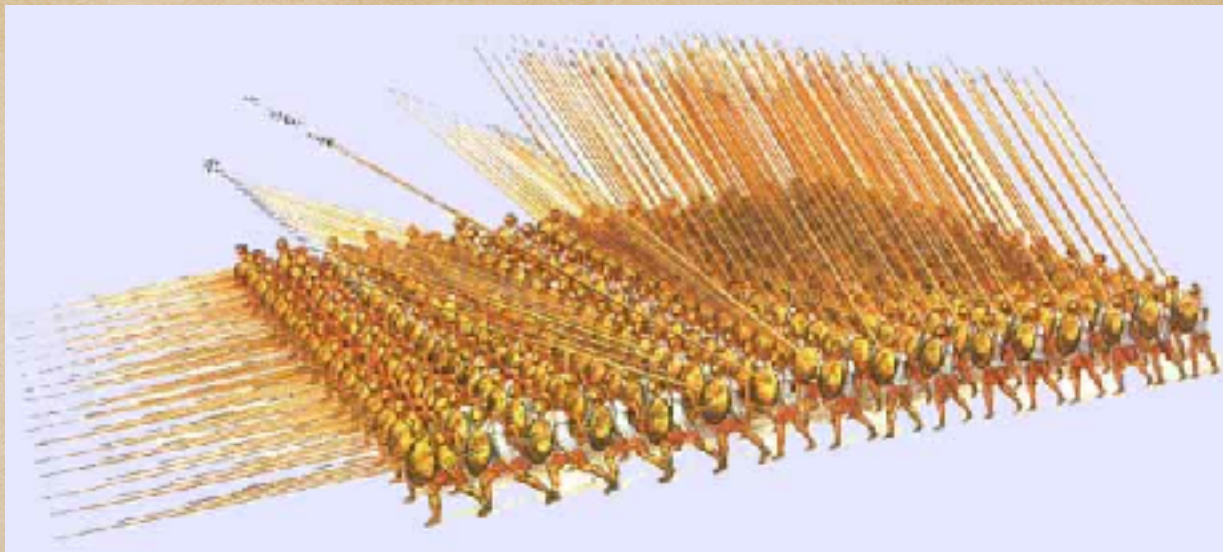
- Mainland society became stagnant, while Greek culture flourished in the Ionian centres.
- Ionía was a cross-road for culture and trade, where much of Greek culture, art and technology developed.
- Contact with older Eastern civilizations caused Greek society to evolve quicker than on mainland.
 - i.e. science, philosophy, sculpture, pottery, coinage, alphabet.
- Ionians influenced the mainland Greeks.
 - Athens = Ionian influence
 - Sparta = Dorian influence
- In the next 400 years Athens & Sparta become the 2 superpowers.

Reasons for Development of the Polis

1. Development of Trade Economy
 - Landed nobility are power in an agricultural economy.
 - Middle-class involved in manufacturing & export/import gain more power & wealth (i.e. Corinth)
2. Development of Hoplite/phalanx warfare
 - Heavily armed middle-class citizen infantry want more say.
 - This lead to redistribution of political power.
3. Growing Literacy
 - Nobles acted as priests & judges because they could access rules, forms & laws.
 - Now others can access this knowledge.



Hoplite



Phalanx

Rise of the polis



- Dipylon Jug (750-700 BC)
- Earliest evidence of Greek alphabet found in Athens
- Dark Age Geometric Period Pottery

- Socio-political amalgamation (synaecism) of small tribal kingdoms into poleis.
- Kings lose power to aristoi.
- Laws, names of law givers & officials published in all poleis.
- Colonies spread throughout Mediterranean & Black Sea
- metropolis / apoikia
- New alphabet spread throughout the greek world.

Colonization Period (800 - 600 BC)

- Athens never est. apoikía (colonies) due to low pop. & economy.
- Sparta uniquely developed compared with others, thus no colonies.
- Corinth became trading power & established the most colonies.
- Colonization develop do to...
 1. Economic growth
 2. Land shortages / over population
 3. Social / political strife (nobles vs. nobles)
- apoikía become bigger and richer than metropolis
- Political & militarily support metropolis.
- In time colonies have daughter colonies of their own



Greek World c.600BC

Colonization Period (800 - 600 BC) continued

- Homer (c.750) & Hesiod (c.700) the earliest Greek poets.
- Stronger sense of Greek vs. barbaros (barbarians).
- Increase in popularity & importance of Pan-Hellenic centres.
 1. Delphi -oracular sanctuary of Apollo
 2. Olympia -temple of Zeus (Olympiad est. 776BC)
- Sanctuaries were treasuries for colonies because they wanted to make sure older Greek poleis still recognized them as Greek.
- Greeks become major sea traders, thus major economic growth & naval warfare develops (by 500 BC Athens has best navy).
- Wide spread development of coinage shows economic growth.



Delphi

Tyrants / Lawgivers (650-500 BC)

- Before law was self help except for “blood crimes” due to miasma.
- Rise of the polis creates demand for written civil & criminal laws..
- tyrannos = non-constitutional ruler ...
 1. Influential middle class opportunist comes to power by the some faction of the people.
 2. Come to power when aristoi fight with kakoi .
 3. Establish long term economic changes & public works.
 4. Support pan-Hellenic centres because not local aristoi.
 5. Try to marry his family with tyrant families of other cities.
- Tyranny did not develop in Sparta.

Innovations of Archaic Age (600-500 BC)

- Most Greek innovation came from Miletus & Samos in Ionia.
- Pre-socratic philosophers developed scientific thinking & western philosophy.
- First to question all traditional beliefs, to discover, using reason alone, the true nature of reality.
- More naturalistic sculpture began to emerge.
- Pottery becomes more stylized.
- Benefits from increasing trade and contact causes greater influences from Phoenicia and Syria.
- Greek armies & fleets hired as mercenaries



(trireme = triple oared)



Geometric



Archaic



Classical



Geometric




Archaic



Classical





Dark Ages & Colonization

THE END
