

CHAPTER

5

Main Idea Activities 5.1

Early Greeks and the Rise of City-States

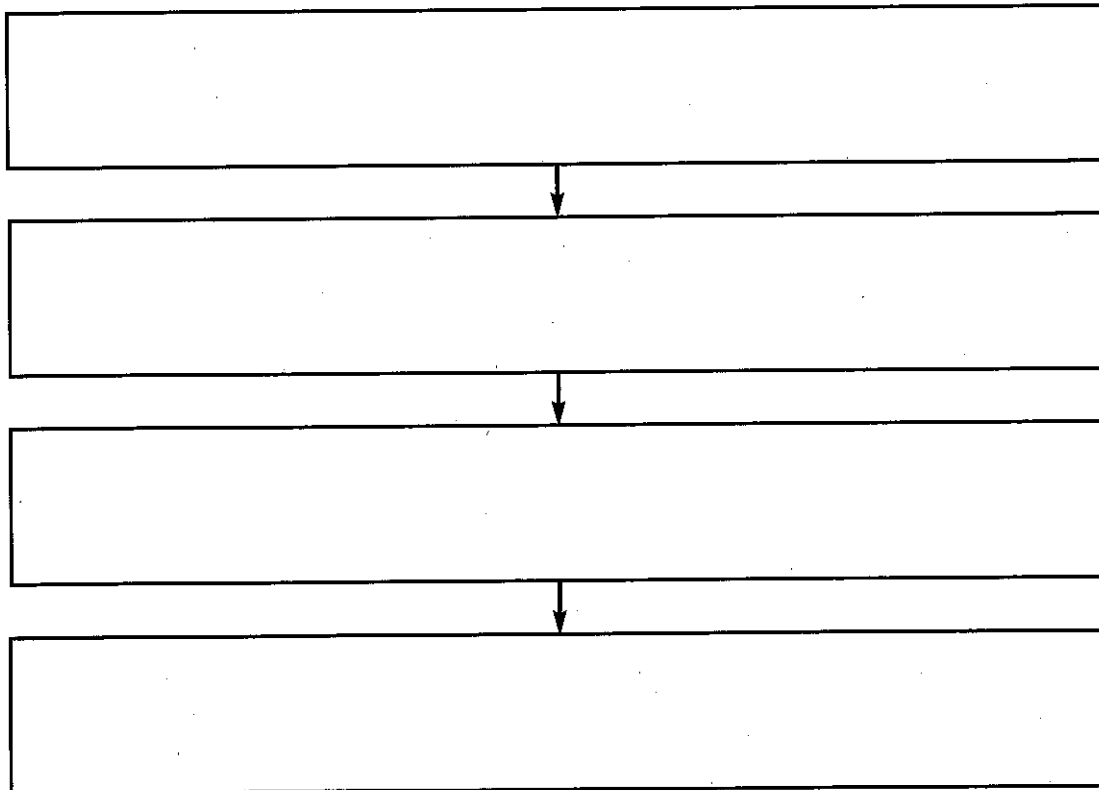
VOCABULARY Some terms to understand:

- **peninsula (106):** a long piece of land almost completely surrounded by water
- **mainland (106):** a body of land that makes up the main part of a continent
- **clan (107):** a group of family members who share common interests
- **fort-like (108):** similar to the strong, protected place used as an army post
- **issues (109):** important, but unsettled matters

ORGANIZING INFORMATION Fill in the graphic organizer by writing the events in the correct sequence.

- The Greeks formed independent city-states.
- Minoans traded throughout the Aegean Sea.
- Legendary King Minos built a great civilization.
- Mycenaeans conquered central Crete.

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EVALUATING INFORMATION Mark each statement *T* if it is true or *F* if it is false.

- _____ 1. Their geographic location made it easy for the Greeks to establish a central government.
- _____ 2. The Greeks depended upon the sea for transportation, food, and business.
- _____ 3. We learned about Minoan culture by studying the frescoes of Minoan artists.
- _____ 4. Crete's rich soil provided the Minoans with abundant food.
- _____ 5. The Greek word *polis* referred to a fort, a city, and the farming lands around it.
- _____ 6. The Greek city-states were united under one economy and government.
- _____ 7. In a polis, only a small group of free males were considered citizens.
- _____ 8. In the agora, people bought food and discussed important ideas.
- _____ 9. People in the Greek city-states spoke several languages.
- _____ 10. Greeks built each polis around a fort on an acropolis.

CLASSIFYING Decide whether each item refers to the Greek, Minoan, or Mycenaean culture. In the space provided, write *Mi* for Minoan, *My* for Mycenaean, and *Gr* for Greek.

- _____ 1. This was the first Greek civilization.
- _____ 2. They adopted the Minoan system of writing.
- _____ 3. People were identified by the polis in which they lived.
- _____ 4. A volcanic eruption and tidal waves weakened this civilization.
- _____ 5. These people founded Athens and Sparta.
- _____ 6. The palace and the homes of nobles had running water.
- _____ 7. They built the fort-like city of Peloponnesus.
- _____ 8. They valued political independence.