Study Guide—Ancient Greece

As you study for next week’s test, focus on the following:

- The lectures and discussions from each class pertaining to Greece (Ancient Greece, Dark Ages, Archaic Greece & Classical Greece)
- Your textbook readings
- The terms from each lecture

TOPICS:

- **Ancient Greece**—Minoan Crete (history of? Characteristics? Demise? Legacies, if any?); Mycenae (history of? Characteristics? Demise? Legacies, if any?). Compare and contrast the two. How do we know about these civilizations? What part did geography play in the formation of Greek (ancient and archaic) society?

- **Greek Dark Ages**—what was this? Why? Homer? Significance of Homer and his writings? Were his writings, i.e. about the Trojan War, true? How do we know?

- **Archaic Greece**—when? Characteristics? What happened during this time? Significance?

- **Classical Greece**—when? Characteristics? What happened during this time? Significance? Polis? Strengths and weaknesses of polis? Hoplite phalanx? Athens? Sparta? Traits? Democracy? Was it true democracy? How did it evolve and who actually had power? Who were the major figures involved in the evolution of democracy (i.e. Cleisthenes)? What values were important to the Greeks and why? Religion? The Persian Wars? Major events? What happened afterwards? Herodotus? What was the Delian League? How did Athens’ ambition lead to the Peloponnesian Wars? Pericles? Result of Peloponnesian Wars? Thucydides? Philosophy and Science (i.e. Socrates & Plato)? Major ideas and importance? What is the importance of Greece, Greek ideas, etc. to Western civilization?