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SAY HELLO TO THE HELLENES!

INTRODUCTION

During the 1600s, the first wave of Indo-Europeans entered the Aegean world from their homeland to the north. Known as the **Mycenaeans**, they were the first to speak an early form of the Greek language. While we call these people Greeks, the proper word for them is **HELLENES**. Around the 1200s, a second wave of Hellenes, the **Dorians**, migrated down from the north, pushing the Mycenaeans to the edges of the Aegean world.

Directions: Use the textbook (pages 115-117) to answer the question assigned to your group. Be sure to answer it fully and thoughtfully. Then, as each group shares, record an answer for the other three questions.

1. What kind of political leadership did the Mycenaeans have? In what ways were they influenced by other cultures

2. How did the real cause of the Trojan War differ from the cause presented by the poet Homer in his telling of the story?

3. How were the epics of Homer composed? Do you think Homer was a real person? Do you think the stories of Homer possess any historical value? Why or why not?

4. What was the impact of the invasions by Dorian Greeks on the early Greek world? (Don't miss anything)