4-1 Notes

* Peninsula – a body of land with water on three sides
* 3 ways Greeks made a living – fishers, traders and raised sheep/goats
* The island of Crete lies southeast of the Greek mainland.
* The Minoans were the first civilization to arise in the region that became known as Greece. They made their wealth from trade.
* The Minoan soldiers promised to leave their fatherland in better condition than they found it.
* The Mycenaean, a group form Central Asia, invaded the Minoans. The Mycenaean leaders became the first Greek kings.
* The Mycenaean learned much from the Minoan: used the sun and stars to navigate the seas, working with bronze and ship building.
* The Mycenaean paid their taxes in wheat, livestock and honey.
* Earthquakes may have been the reason for the collapse of the Mycenaean civilization.
* The Dark Age – a time when people forgot their written language.
* Dorians – people from the north who came to the Peloponnesus and brought ironworking with them.
* The Greek population caused colonization
* A colony is a settlement in a new territory that keeps close ties to its homeland.
* Polis – a city-state which was like a tiny independent country.
* Acropolis – main gathering place and is fortified on a hill
* Agora – a market place and a meeting place to discuss issues
* The Greeks were the first to develop the idea of citizenship.
* Greek city-states were run by their citizens.
* Requirements for Greek citizenship: only free, native born men who owned land
* City-states relied on ordinary citizens as soldiers called hoplites.