Periods of Greek History

Prehistoric ca. 3000-900 BCE
Geometric 900-700 BCE (Homeric poems)
Archaic 700-480 growth of the Polis
Classical 480-323 “Age of Athens”
Hellenistic 323-31 BCE
Greece and its colonies in 550 B.C.
Cultural Consequences of Change

Koine (common) Greek
Cultural “koine” of Hellenism
  • Theaters
  • Gymnasia
  • Hellenized Religious Cults (syncretism)
  • Philosophy
  • Civic culture (polis)
  • Integration into the oikoumene (inhabited world)
Alexandria
Founded 331 BCE
The Great Library
The Septuagint (LXX)
3rd Century BCE
Other Alexandrian Achievements

Euclid: geometry
Archimedes: (trained in Alexandria) mechanics
Herophilus: anatomical dissection and vivisection
Eratosthenes: circumference of the Earth
Aristarchus: heliocentric model