

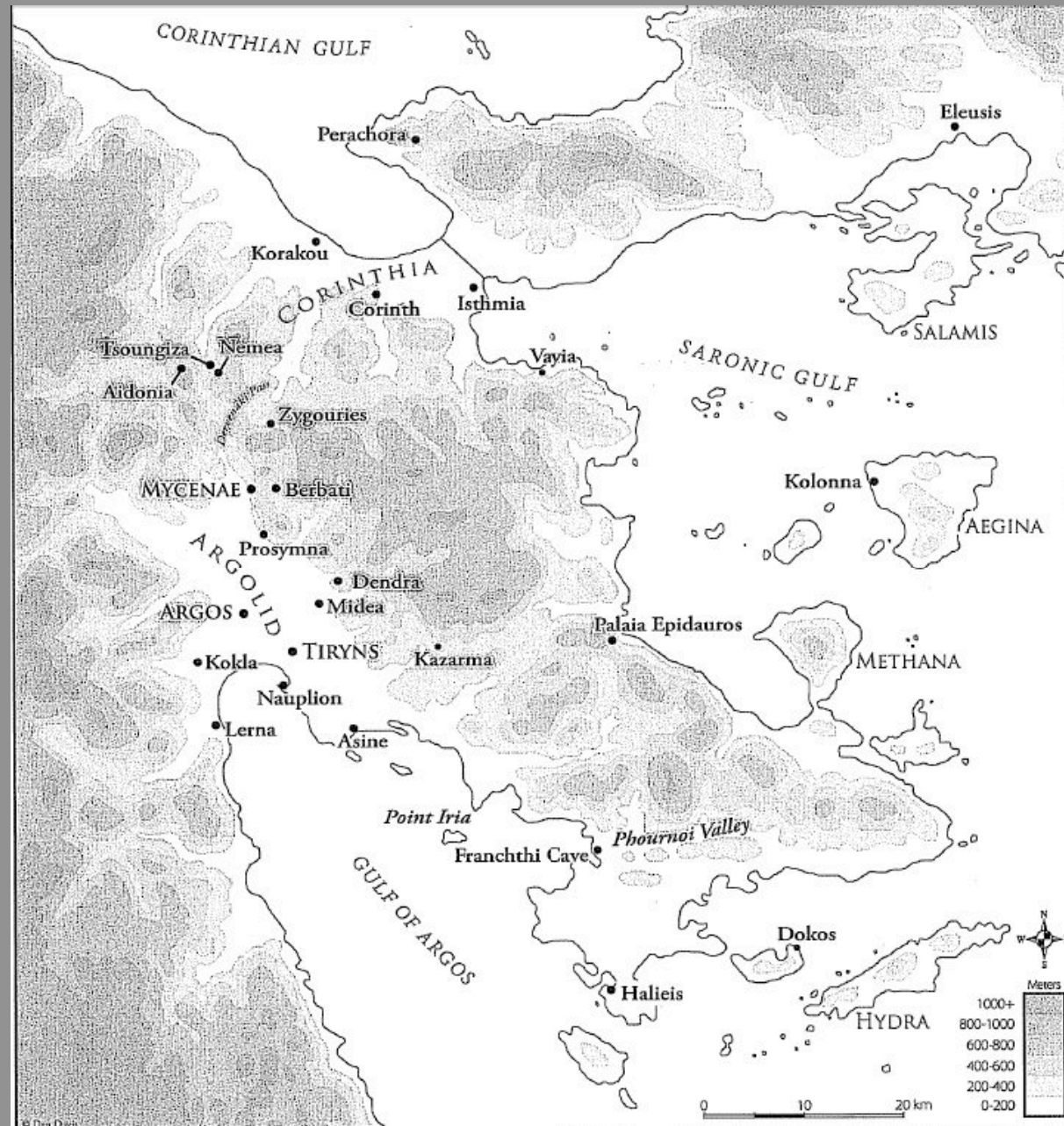
The Mycenaean Shaft Graves

MH III - beginning of LH IIA

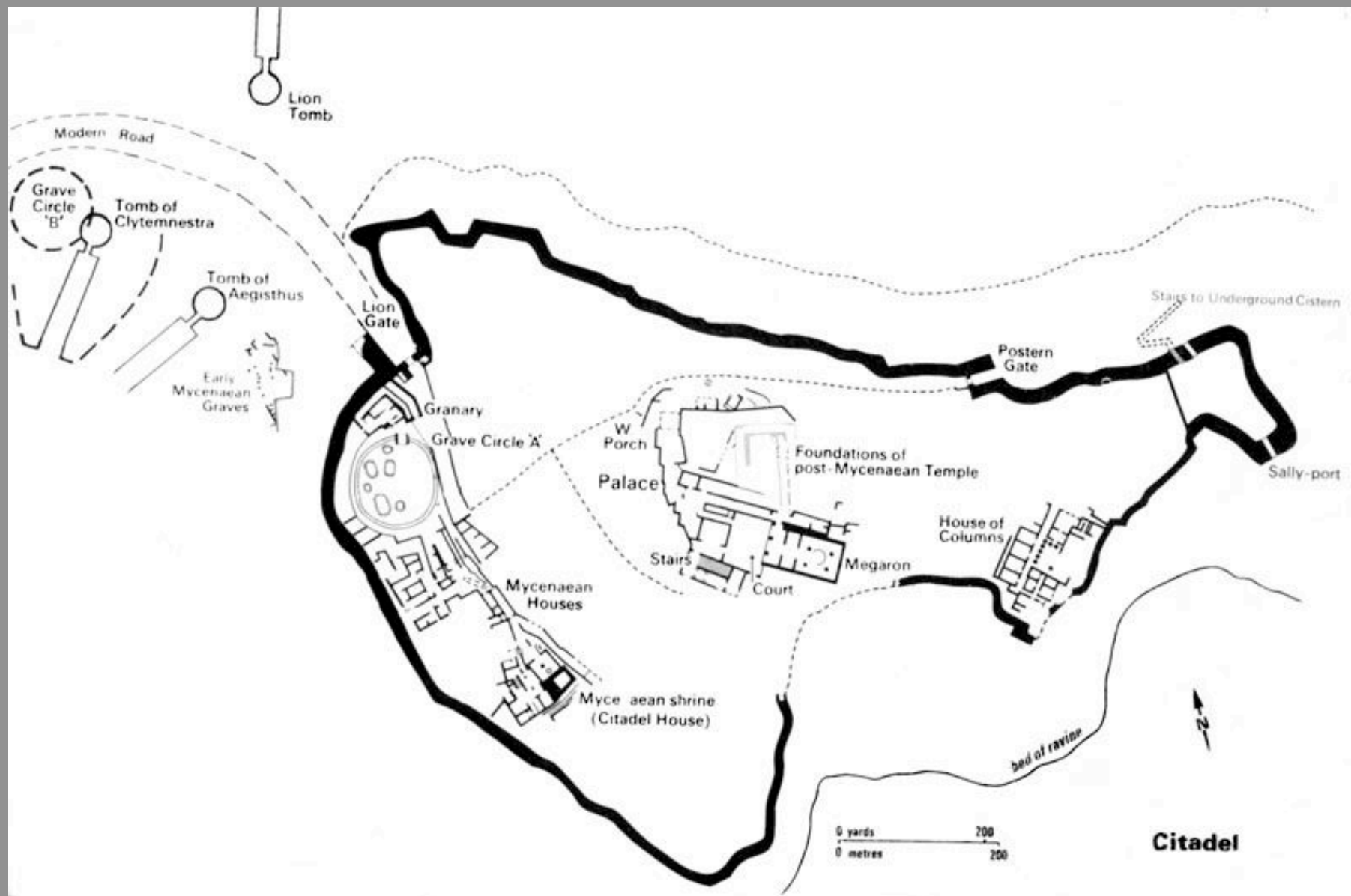
Chronology

Date (BCE)	Crete	Mainland
2000	Protopalatial	Middle Helladic
1700	Neopalatial	Grave Circle B
1600	LM IA	Late Helladic I (Grave Circle A)
1500	LM IB	Late Helladic II Tholos tombs, Vapheio tomb
1450	Destruction of Minoan sites LM II	Late Helladic IIB
1400	LM IIIA	Late Helladic IIIA (Mycenaean palaces)
1300	LM IIIB	Late Helladic IIIB Acme of Mycenaean culture
1200	LM IIIC	Late Helladic IIIC

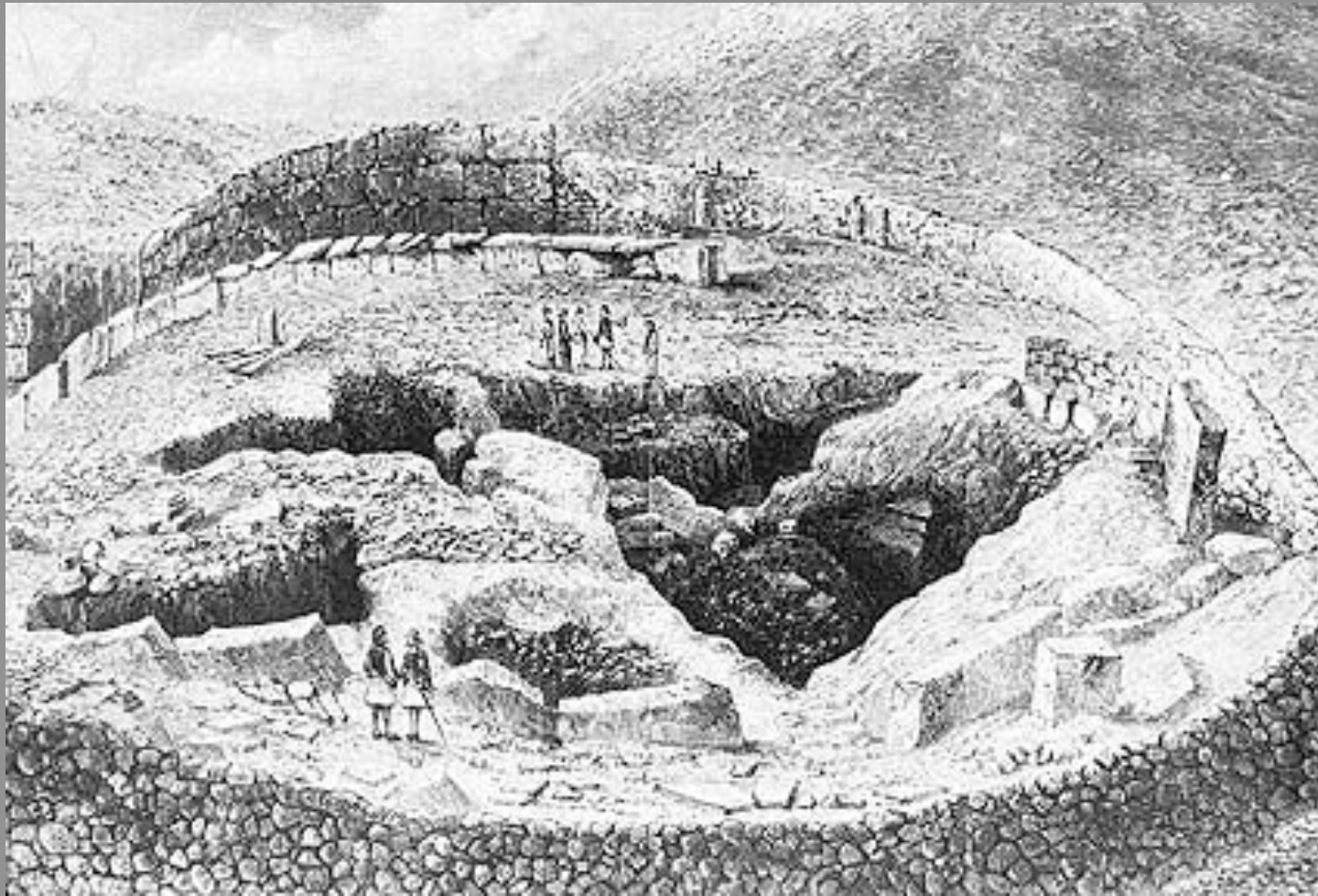
Map of the northeastern Peloponnesos



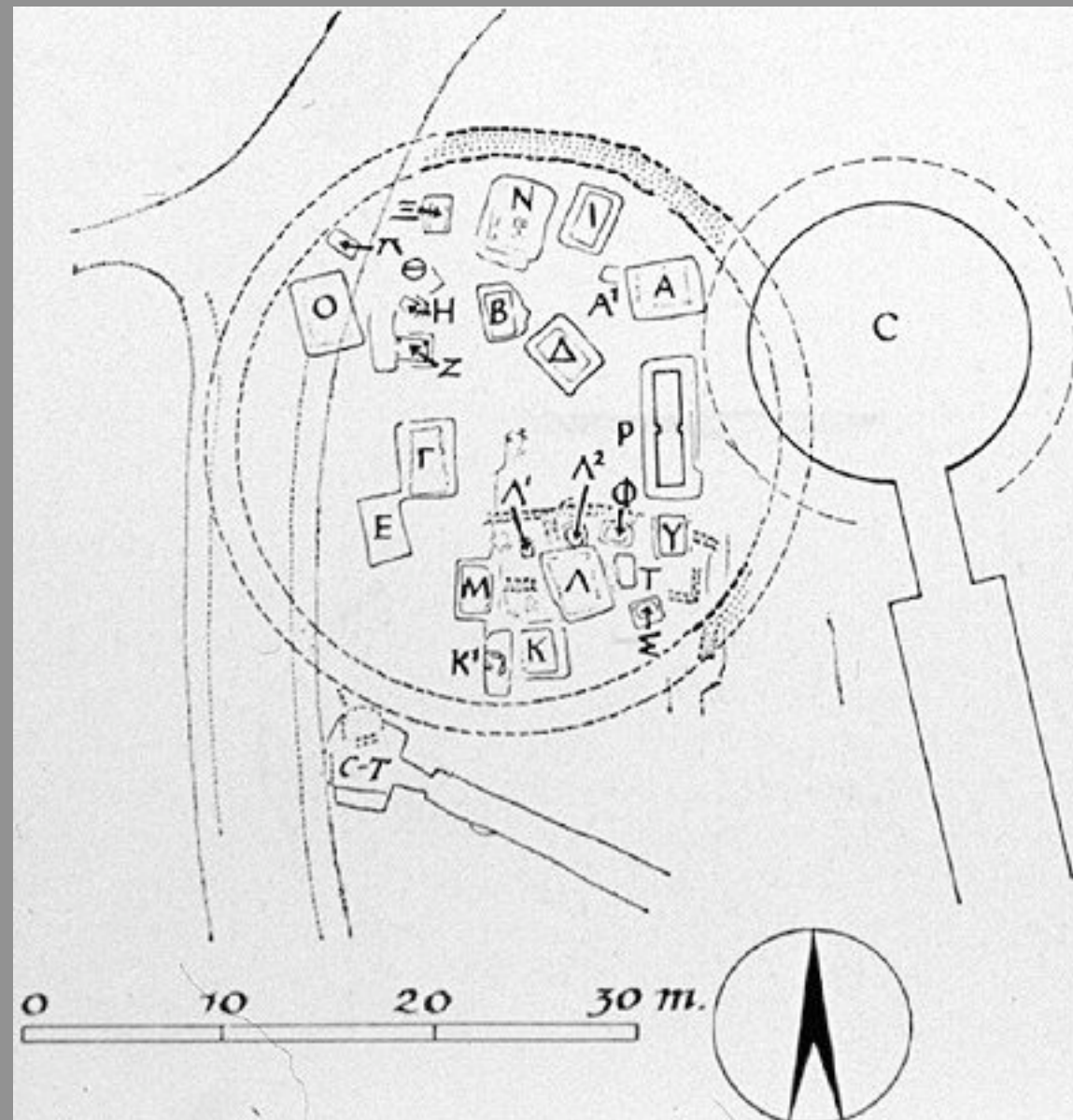
Plan of the site of Mycenae



19th century drawing of the graves on the acropolis at Mycenae



Plan of Grave Circle B (partly destroyed by tholos tomb)



Plan of Grave Circle A, showing the six shaft graves

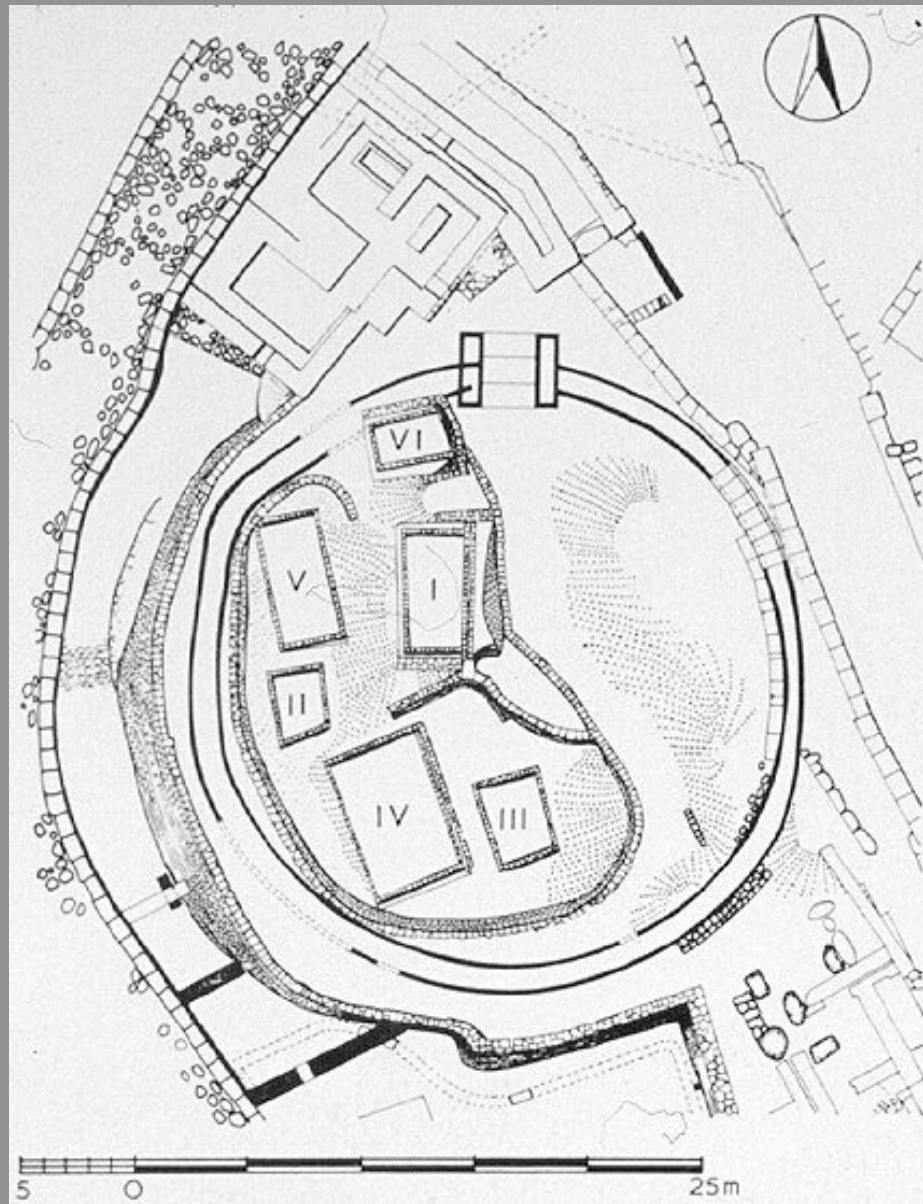


Photo of Grave Circle A



The “Mask of Agamemnon”



More death masks from Grave Circle A



Electrum mask from Grave Gamma, Grave Circle B



Hexagonal gold-plated wooden box from Shaft Grave V



Gold rhyton in shape of lion's head; Shaft Grave IV



Silver and gold bull's head rhyton from Shaft Grave IV



Metal Weaponry - Daggers (bronze inlaid with gold, silver and niello)



Ornamental gold disks (sewn onto burial shrouds)



Gold diadems



Rock crystal vase in the shape of a duck, Grave Circle B



Jewelry of stone and metal



Gold armband; Shaft Grave O, Grave Circle B



Pair of gold earrings, Shaft Grave III, Grave Circle A

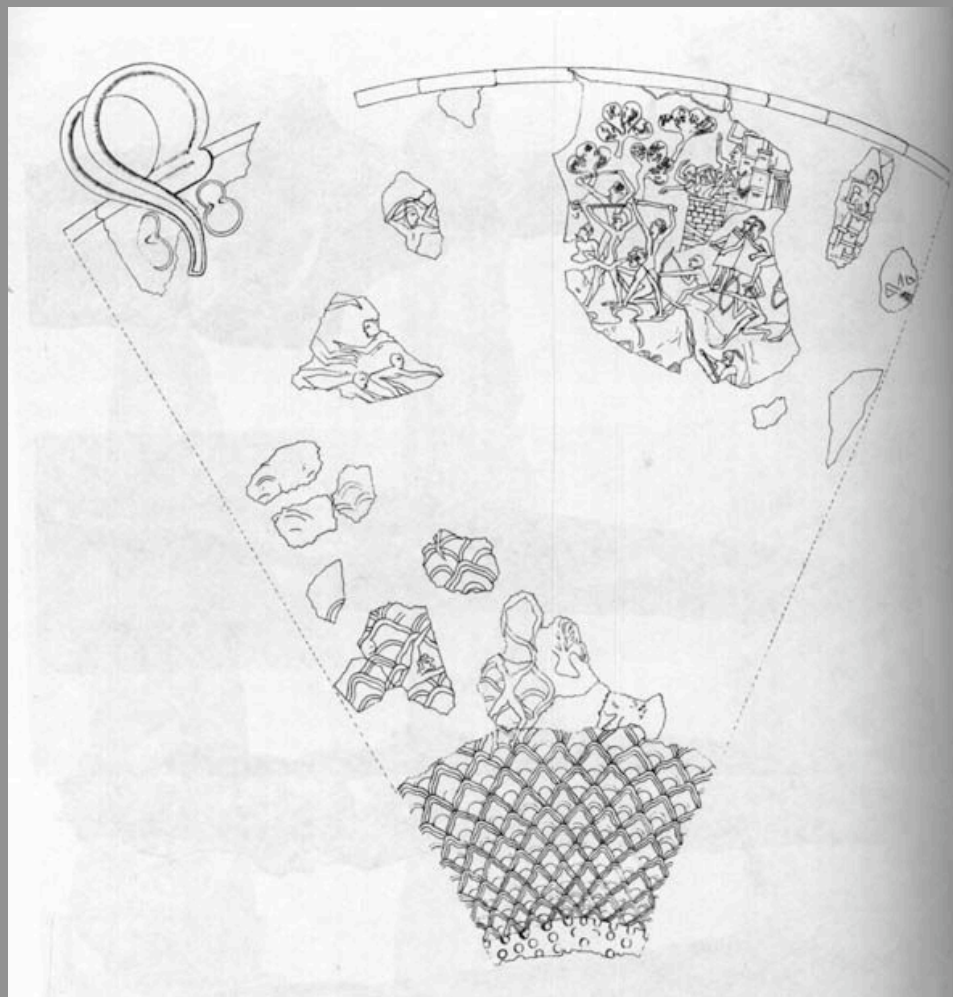


Necklaces of beads and pendants,
Shaft Grave Y, Grave Circle B



Multiple gold chain, Chamber Tomb 55

Drawing of the silver “Siege Rhyton”



Gold goblet known as “Cup of Nestor”



Rhyton made from the shell of an ostrich egg



Map of Mainland Greece with some important Bronze Age sites

