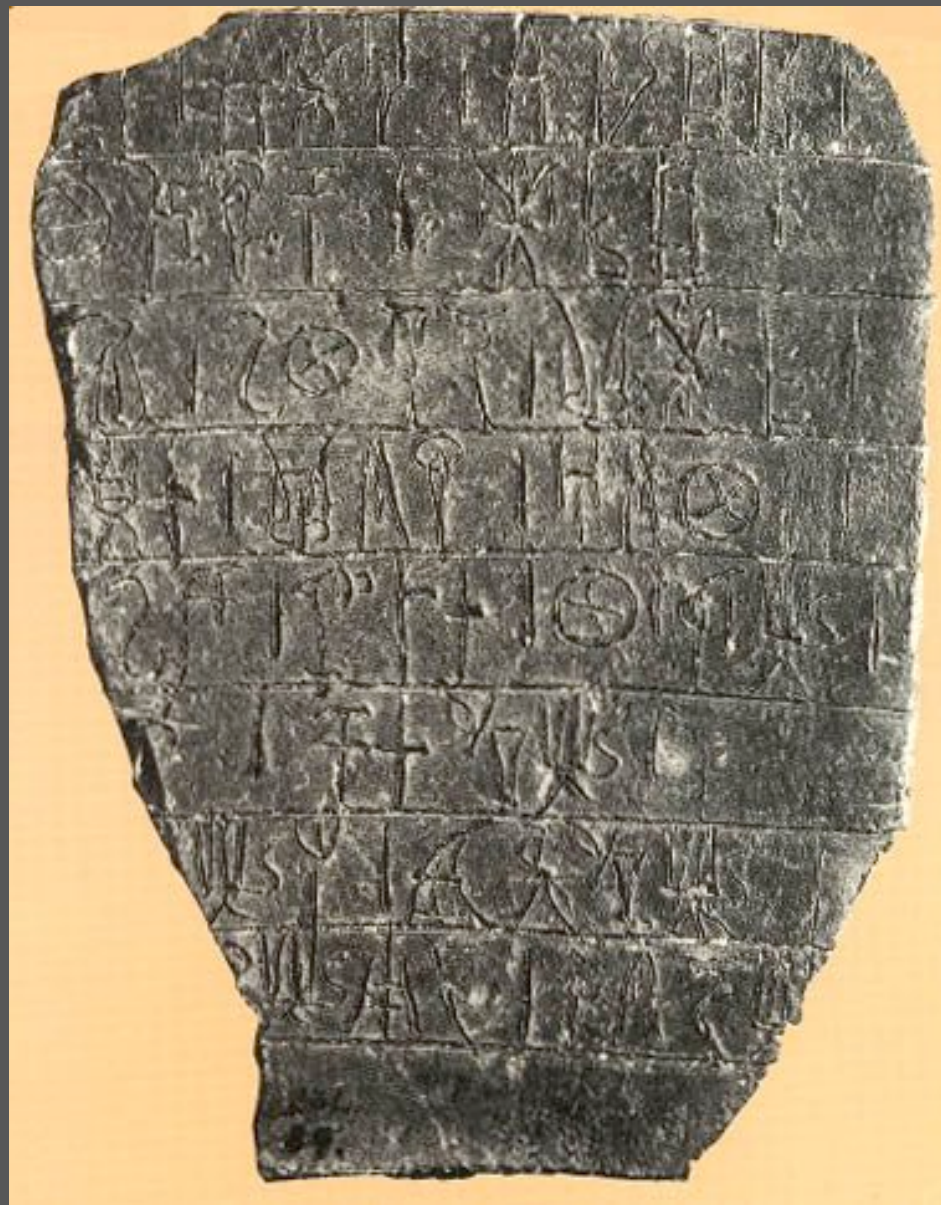
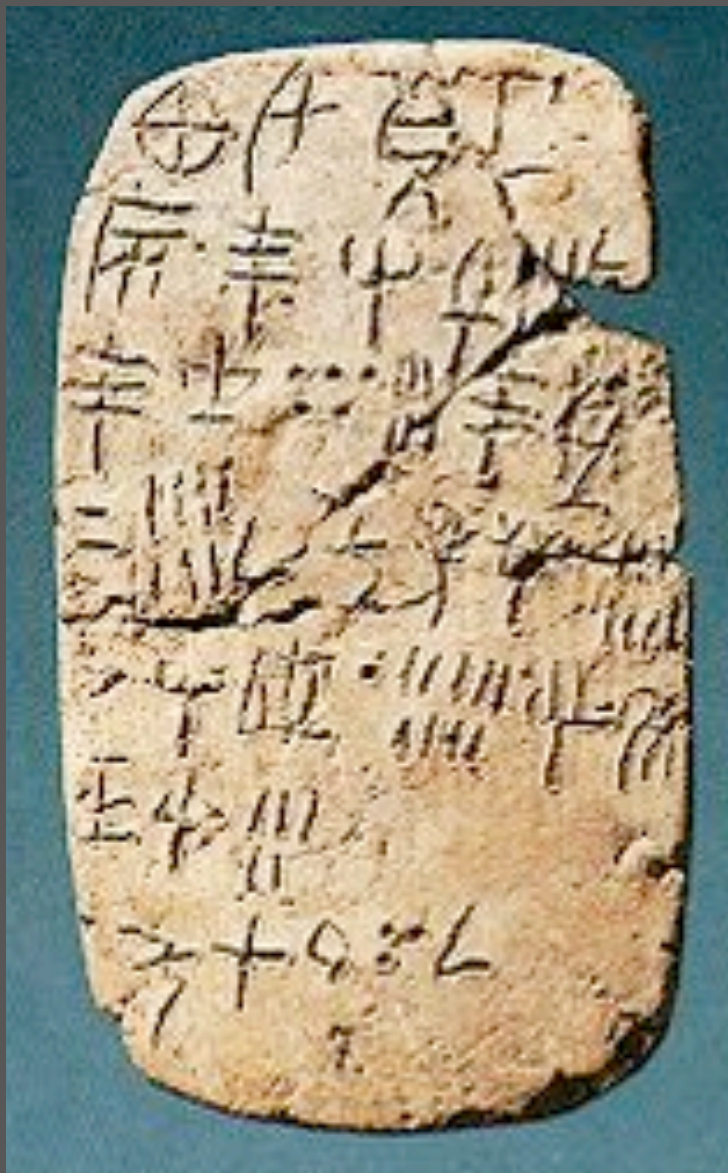


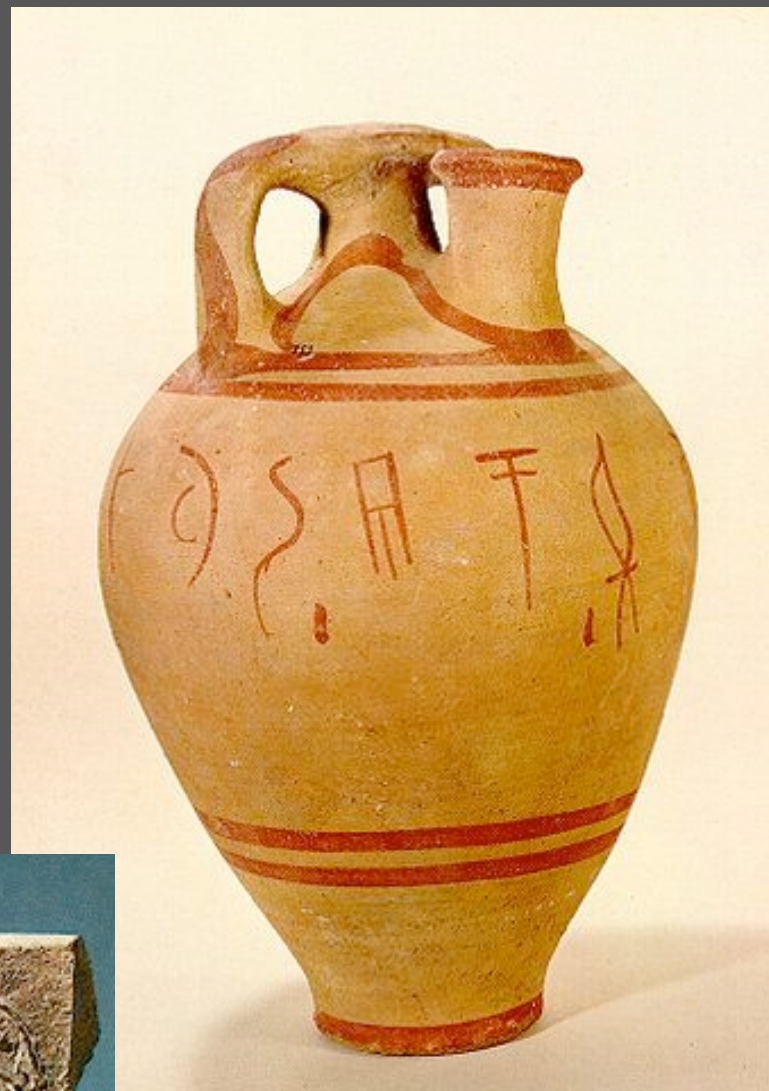
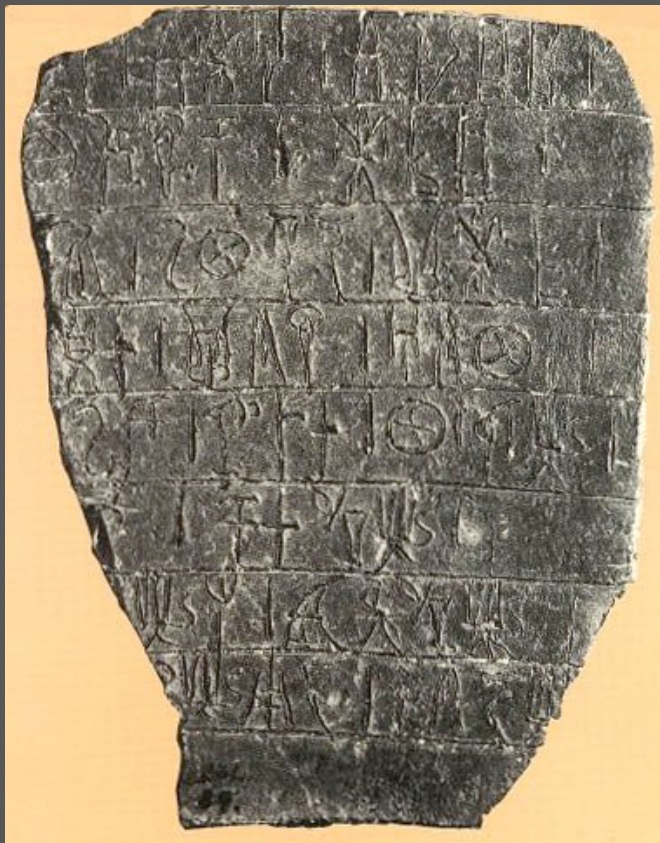
Mycenaean Administration and Linear B

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Linear A vs. Linear B documents



Tablets (two forms) vs. painted inscriptions on vessels



Map showing where Linear B tablets have been found
(special emphasis on those with archives)



Locations where painted Linear B inscriptions have been found



The decipherment of Linear B

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MAN



WOMAN



HORSE



CHARIOT



WHEEL



JAR



BATH



CUP



1 Knossos tablet Co 907, listing sheep, goats, pigs and cattle

Reading Linear B

⊕ 𐀀

ka-ko

kha(l)ko(s)

‘bronze’

‡ ⊕ 𐀃

pa-ka-na

pha(s)gana

‘swords’

𐀓 𐀔 𐀕

ti-ri-po

tripo(s)

‘tripod’

𐀡 𐀢 𐀣 𐀤

i-je-re-ja

(h)iereia

‘priestess’

𐀠 𐀡 𐀢 𐀣

qa-si-re-u

gwasileu(s)

‘chief’

𐀕 𐀖

po-me

po(i)mē(n)

‘shepherd’

𐀓 ⊕ 𐀔

tu-ka-te

thugatē(r)

‘daughter’

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ko-wo

ko(r)wo(s)

‘boy’









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re-wo-to-ro-ko-wo

lewotrokhowo(i)

‘bath-pourers’

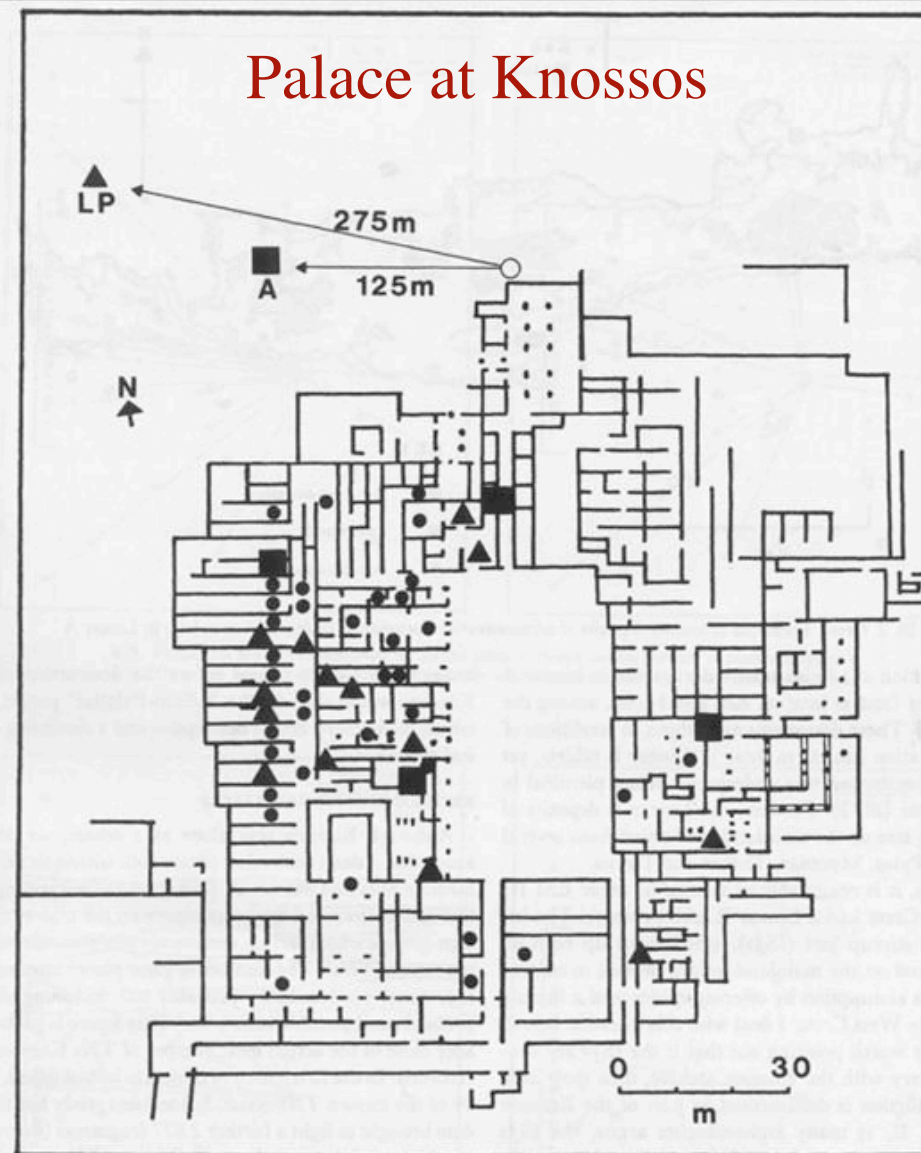
Linear B “ideograms”

	CLOTH		WOOL
	WHEAT		BARLEY
	WINE		OLIVE OIL
	BRONZE		GOLD

	SHEEP		GOAT		PIG		OX
	RAM		HE-GOAT		BOAR		BULL
	EWE		SHE-GOAT		SOW		COW

Basic values										Homophones	
<i>a</i>	𐤀	<i>e</i>	𐤅	<i>i</i>	𐤁	<i>o</i>	𐤋	<i>u</i>	𐤄	<i>a</i> ₂ (<i>ha</i>)	𐤁𐤀
<i>da</i>	𐤃	<i>de</i>	𐤃𐤅	<i>di</i>	𐤃𐤁	<i>do</i>	𐤃𐤋	<i>du</i>	𐤃𐤄	<i>ai</i>	𐤁𐤀
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<i>ka</i>	𐤓	<i>ke</i>	𐤓𐤅	<i>ki</i>	𐤓𐤁	<i>ko</i>	𐤓𐤋	<i>ku</i>	𐤓𐤄	<i>ai</i> ₃ ?	𐤁𐤀
<i>ma</i>	𐤌	<i>me</i>	𐤌𐤅	<i>mi</i>	𐤌𐤁	<i>mo</i>	𐤌𐤋	<i>mu</i> ?	𐤌𐤄	*87 (<i>ktwe</i> ?)	𐤁𐤀
<i>na</i>	𐤎	<i>ne</i>	𐤎𐤅	<i>ni</i>	𐤎𐤁	<i>no</i>	𐤎𐤋	<i>nu</i>	𐤎𐤄	<i>ntwa</i>	𐤎𐤀𐤗
<i>pa</i>	𐤑	<i>pe</i>	𐤑𐤅	<i>pi</i>	𐤑𐤁	<i>po</i>	𐤑𐤋	<i>pu</i>	𐤑𐤄	<i>pa</i> ₂	𐤑𐤀
—		<i>qe</i>	𐤓𐤅	<i>qi</i>	𐤓𐤁	<i>qo</i>	𐤓𐤋	—		<i>pa</i> ₃ ?	𐤑𐤀
<i>ra</i>	𐤕	<i>re</i>	𐤕𐤅	<i>ri</i>	𐤕𐤁	<i>ro</i>	𐤕𐤋	<i>ru</i>	𐤕𐤄	<i>pte</i>	𐤑𐤀
<i>sa</i>	𐤔	<i>se</i>	𐤔𐤅	<i>si</i>	𐤔𐤁	<i>so</i>	𐤔𐤋	<i>su</i>	𐤔𐤄	<i>pu</i> ₂ ?	𐤑𐤀
<i>ta</i>	𐤕	<i>te</i>	𐤕𐤅	<i>ti</i>	𐤕𐤁	<i>to</i>	𐤕𐤋	<i>tu</i>	𐤕𐤄	<i>ra</i> ₂ (<i>ri-ja</i>)	𐤕𐤀
<i>twa</i>	𐤕𐤀	<i>twe</i>	𐤕𐤀𐤅	<i>twi</i>	𐤕𐤀𐤁	<i>tvo</i>	𐤕𐤀𐤋	—		<i>ra</i> ₃ (<i>rai</i>)	𐤕𐤀
<i>za</i>	𐤖	<i>ze</i>	𐤖𐤅	<i>zi</i>		<i>zo</i>	𐤖𐤋	<i>zu</i> ?	𐤖𐤄	<i>ro</i> ₂ (<i>ri-jo</i>)	𐤕𐤀
*22	𐤕𐤀	*47	𐤕𐤀𐤅	*49	𐤕𐤀𐤁	*63	𐤕𐤀𐤋	*64	𐤕𐤀𐤄	*85 (<i>si-ja</i> ?)	𐤕𐤀
*65	𐤕𐤀	*71	𐤕𐤀𐤅	*82	𐤕𐤀𐤁	*83	𐤕𐤀𐤋	*86	𐤕𐤀𐤄	<i>ta</i> ₂ (<i>ti-ja</i>)	𐤕𐤀

Palace at Knossos



SIZE OF DEPOSIT (No. of tablets):

- 91-500
- ▲ 10-90
- Less than 10

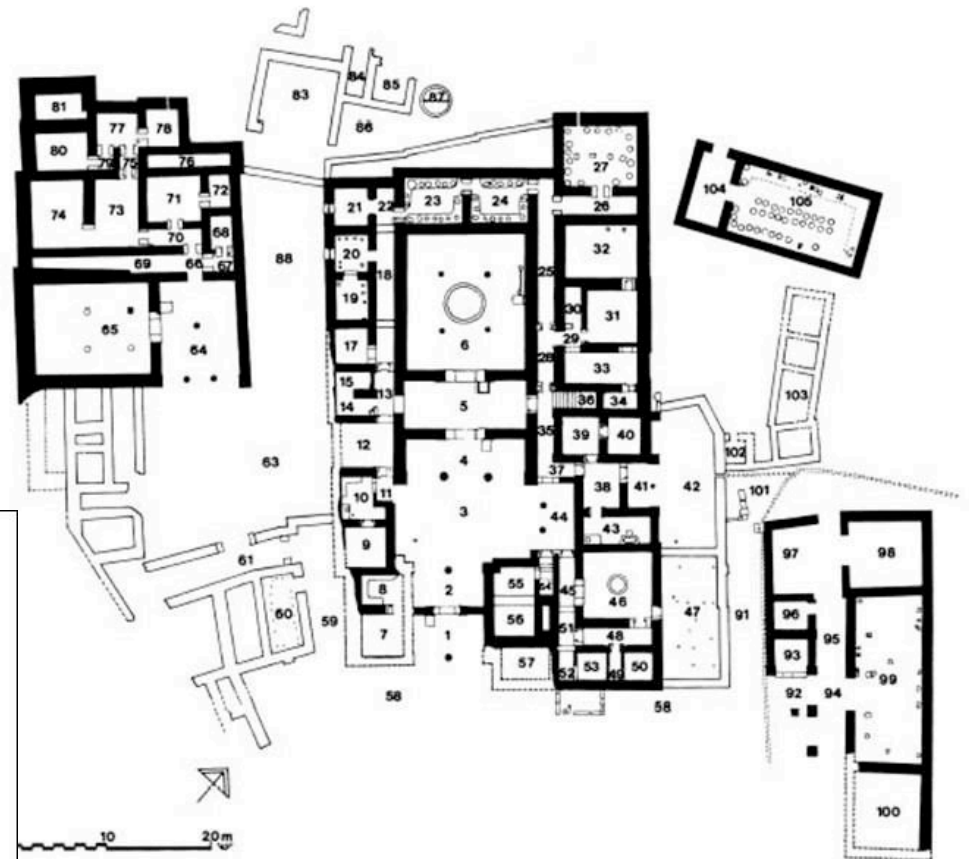
Ill. 1. Knossos. Schematic representation of tablet findspots: palace, Arsenal and Little Palace. "A" = Arsenal; "LP" = Little Palace. (Redrawn after Olivier, *Les scribes de Knossos* [Rome 1967] 22)

Findspots of Linear B tablets at the Palace of Nestor at Pylos and their “subject matter”

Table 1. Tablet Finds from Areas outside the AC

LOCATION	SUBJECTS	SERIES	SCRIBES
Room 6 (fallen from above)	textiles (TELA, LANA)	La	H13, S628 Ciii, S632 Ciii
	women (MUL) involved in textile work	Ac	
Room 20	inventory of vessels	Tn 996	Ciii
Room 23	oil	Fr	H2, H44, S1217 Cii, S1219 Cii
Room 24	oil	Wr 1247	----
Room 32	oil	Fr, Wr	H2, H34, S1203 Cii
Room 38	oil	Fr	H2, H4, H41, S1203 Cii
Courtyard 47	*189	Qa 1259†	H15
	livestock (CAP ^f)	Cc 1258†	H21
Rooms 55 and 57	male landholders (VIR)	Ac 995	H91
	*252	Ua 994†	Civ(?)
Courtyard 63	oil, DI	Fr, Ua	H2, Ua 1252 Cii
Room 65	----	Xa 184	Xa 184 Ciii
Rooms 71 and 72	----	Fr (?), Xa, Xn	Cii
Area 91	----	Xa 639, Xn 1261†	----
NE Workshop (Rooms 95 and 99)	agricultural produce (GRA, VIN, NI)	Un	H34, Un 1319 Cii, Un 1322 Cii
	horse trappings, chariot equip- ment and male personnel	An, Sa, Ub, Va	H12, H26, H31, An 1282 Ciii, Va 1323 and 1324 Cii
	leather and ivory	Ub	H32
	livestock (CAP, CAP ^f , CAP ^m , OVIS, OVIS ^m)	Cc, Gn, Wr	H21, H31, S1331 Ci, Cn 1286 Cii
	single entries of men (VIR)	Ac	S1272 Ciii
	*189	Qa	H15, H33
W of Room 103	oil	Fr 1338, 1355†	Cii
Wine Magazine (Room 105)	wine	Wr	H13, S628 Ciii, Wr 1361 Ci, Wr 1358

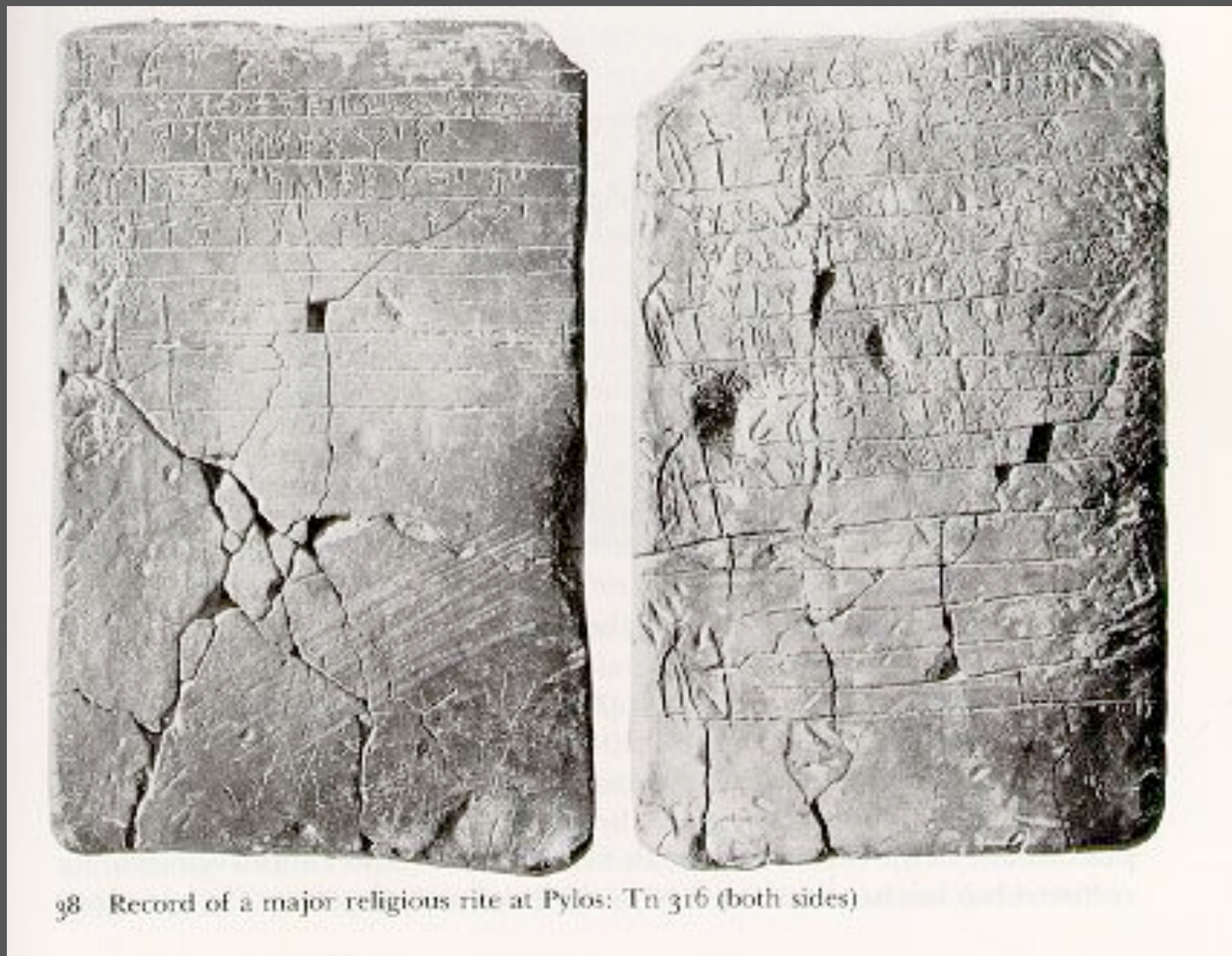
† Correct findspots for Qa 1259 and Cc 1258: Marion Rawson (1956) 74; Ua 994: Carl Blegen (1953) 25, 29; Xn 1261: Marion Rawson (1956) 72; Fr 1338: Marion Rawson (1957) 102.



Ill. 2. Pylos, plan of final state of the Palace of Nestor

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Linear B tablet Tn316 (KN02)



98 Record of a major religious rite at Pylos: Tn 316 (both sides)

Mycenaean social/administrative order

wanax [wa-na-ka]

lawageetas [ra-wa-ke-ta]

telestas [te-re-ta]

hegetas [e-qe-ta]

quasileus = basileus [qu-si-re-u]

geronsia [ke-ro-si-ja]

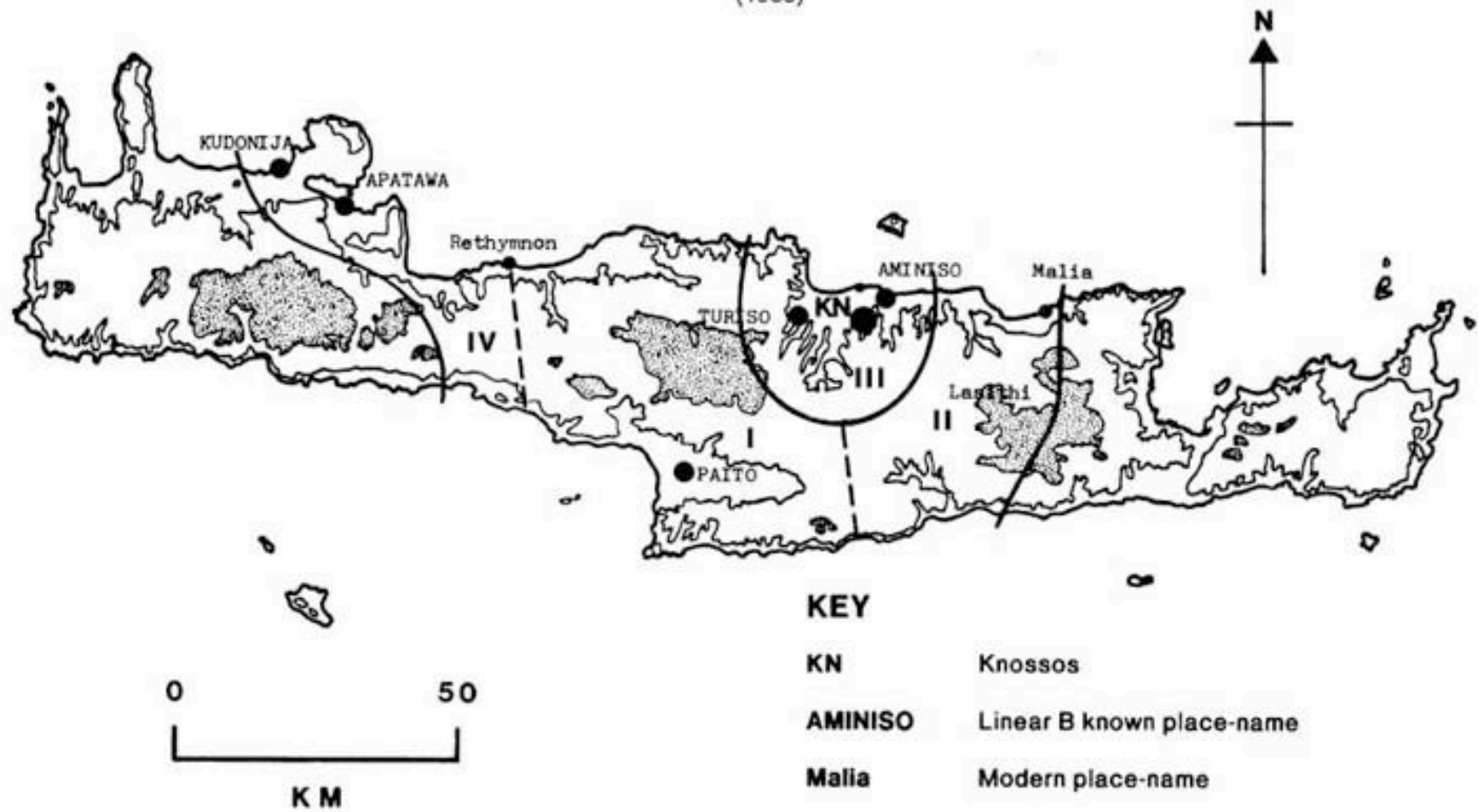
damos [da-mo]

moiroqquas [mo-ro-qa]

koreter, prokoreter [ko-re-te, po-ro-ho-re-te]

doeros, doera [do-e-ro, do-e-ra]

JOHN BENNET
(1985)



Ill. 4. Crete. A possible distribution of Wilson's groups I-IV, together with the locations of the known Linear B toponyms