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ENGINEERING AN EMPIRE - Movie Guide questions**

**Mycenaean Civilization**

1. What group of people inhabited large portions of mainland Greece in 1300 BCE? Who led these people in their capital (map still at 11:13)?

2. What was the Iliad, and who wrote it?

3. What was the Lion’s Gate, and what did it portray for Mycenae? What architectural building technique did this structure introduce, and what did this later evolve into to build the tholos?

**Introduction**

4. In September 480 BCE, what country determined to add Greece to their empire?

5. Briefly describe who Themistocles was.

6. In the spring of 480 BCE, Persia launched a massive invasion of Greece with an army twice as large as the Greeks . How did Themistocles keep the Greeks together and level the odds?7. In 471 BCE, Themistocles was ostracized. Why? What does being ostracized mean?

8. Briefly describe who Pericles was.

9. Despite defeating Persia, Greece was always open to potential threats. Therefore, in 478 BCE, Athens together with the Aegean city-states formed an alliance. What was this alliance called?

10. How did Athens get its name (29:15)?

**The Parthenon**

11. What was the Parthenon’s main function?

12. Why did many Athenians, including Plato, dislike the Parthenon?

13. As Pericles continued to expand domination, his rivals began to conspire against him, soon lashing out and attacking his close associates, one of them being the very intelligent Aspasia. Who was she, and how did you know she was important?