all dates are B.C.E. (before the common era) = B.C. (before Christ)

c. (= circa) means “around”

**TIME LINE**

**3,000**
- c. 2000? the first Greeks arrive in Greece

**BRONZE AGE**
- 1400-1200 the Great Age of Mycenaean
- 1200-1100 Troy, Pylos and Mycenae are all destroyed

**1,100**
- 1100-1000 the ‘Dorian invasion’ brings new settlers into Greece
- c. 950? the book of *Genesis* is composed
- c. 775? alphabetic writing is introduced in Greece

**‘Dark Age’**

**750**
- c. 750? the *Iliad* and *Odyssey* are written down
- c. 725? Hesiod writes *Theogony* and *Works and Days"

**IRON AGE**
- 650 Semonides of Amorgos wrote his satiric poems
- 600's? the ‘Homerian’ *Hymns* are composed
- 508-507 Cleisthenes instituted democracy in Athens

**Archaic Period**
- 490-480 the Greeks defeat two great invasions by the Persians
- c. 480 Bacchylides and Pindar are at the heights of their careers
- 463-461 Ephialtes and Pericles reform the democracy in Athens
- 458 Aeschylus wins first prize in the tragic contest with *Oresteia"
- 431 beginning of the Peloponnesian War between Athens and Sparta
- 431 Euripides takes third place with a tetralogy including *Medea"

**Classical Period**
- c. 430-420 Sophocles takes second place with *Oedipus the King"
- 404 Athens surrenders to Sparta, ending the Peloponnesian War
- c. 401 after Euripides' death, *Bacchae* wins first prize
- c. 380 Plato composes his philosophical dialogue *The Republic"
- 334-330 Alexander the Great, king of Macedon, conquers Persian empire

**323**
- 323 Alexander the Great dies, and in following years the empire is divided among his Macedonian successors

**Hellenistic Period**
- c. 250 Apollonios of Rhodes composes his epic poem *Argonautika"
- 146 Greece is made a province of the Roman empire