

Unit 2 - Classwork 3: The End of the Greek Dark Ages

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In order to help you answer these questions, see pages 31–35 in Unit 2.

1. This is a two-part question.
 - (i) Both *abjads* and *alphabets* are writing systems that use *letters*, but what is the difference between an *abjad* and an *alphabet*?
 - (ii) Canaan was the land of the Canaanites, whose writing system was an abjad, and the most famous Canaanites were the Phoenicians and the Hebrews. In the land of Canaan, the Phoenicians inhabited Phoenicia, and the Hebrews inhabited the Kingdom of Israel and the Kingdom of Judah. Which of those groups of Canaanites were known for being the master sailors whose abjad inspired the Greek alphabet?

2. At the end of the Greek Dark Ages, three Ancient Greek ethnic groups had colonized Anatolia (*i.e.* Asia Minor). What were those three Greek ethnic groups? (Hint: Each group spoke a different dialect of Ancient Greek.)

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3. At the end of the Greek Dark Ages, the two main styles of Ancient Greek column were the Doric Order and the Ionic Order. Of the three columns depicted below, one of them is Doric, and another one of them is Ionic, but yet another one of them is neither Doric nor Ionic. Which is which?— Label each column as 'Ionic', 'Doric', or 'neither'.



4. Homer and Hesiod were the two most influential Ancient Greek epic poets.

(i) What dialect of Ancient Greek did they use for their epic poems?

(ii) What was their native dialect of Greek? In other words, what dialect of Greek did they most likely speak in everyday speech since they were children?

5. The Asiatic Greek colonies were the Greek colonies in Anatolia (*i.e.* Asia Minor). In the map below, look at the Greek colonies in Anatolia (*i.e.* Asia Minor), which is the tan-colored region on the map (rather than the green-colored or reddish-colored regions). On the map below, **circle** and **label** the Asiatic Greek regions of *Aeolia*, *Ionia*, and *Doris*. Even though you don't have to be razor-thin precise, do your best to at least broadly indicate the general locations of the 3 regions in relation to each other. (Hint: In the map on page 35 of Unit 2, look for the main islands and/or coastal cities in *Aeolia*, *Ionia*, and Asiatic *Doris*.)

