

EGYPT'S VICTORY

The Sea Peoples' army and fleet were decisively defeated by the powerful Egyptian pharaoh Ramesses III. After this final blow, the Sea Peoples scattered over the Mediterranean. Some may have become the ancestors of the Etruscans, who later settled in Italy. Others moved to Sicily, or to Palestine, and became the ancestors of a people known as the Philistines.

THE DORIANS

One by one, the Mycenaean cities were abandoned and destroyed, either by earthquakes or by enemy conquest. Then, a people called the Dorians became dominant in the Peloponnese in southern Greece. They took advantage of the troubles to increase their power.

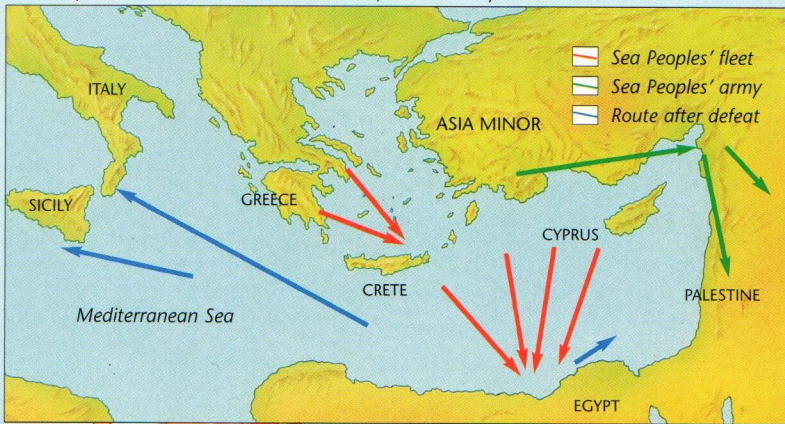
- Dorian Greek
- Ionic Greek
- Aeolic Greek
- Arcadian Greek



INTERNET LINK

For a link to a website where you can find out more about the Sea Peoples, go to www.usborne-quicklinks.com

This map shows the different routes taken by the Sea Peoples.



This map shows where the main Greek dialects were spoken.

Wherever the Dorians settled, their dialect took root, and it was from this that the Greek language later developed. But the Dorians did not adopt the artistic skills of the people they conquered, and many of the cultural achievements of the Mycenaeans were lost, including the art of writing.

