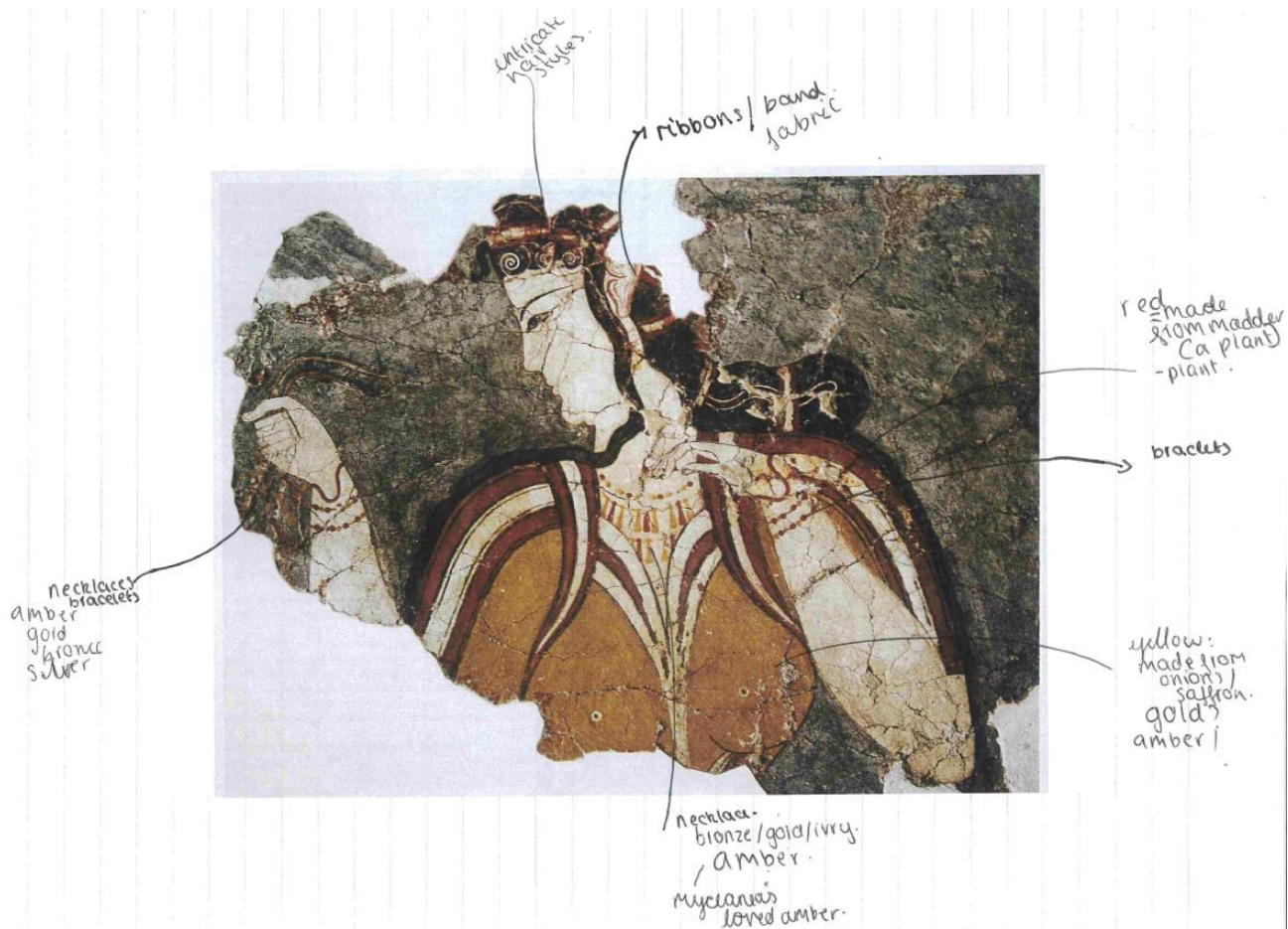


Lower 5 study Mycenaean daily life



Lower 5 have continued their study of Mycenaean Greek material culture by looking into aspects of daily life such as hunting, burial and clothing. Pupils have had the challenging task of piecing together a coherent picture of Mycenaean life and culture from imperfect and incomplete evidence. For clothing in particular, pupils have had to examine and interpret the evidence from surviving examples of jewellery, carvings and frescoes, such as the example from Tiryns pictured above, as there are no surviving examples of Mycenaean clothing. This topic has also led pupils to study the complex and interesting subject of trade networks during the Bronze Age, as the export of cloth and the importing of exotic dyes were a thriving trade in this period.

In their exam on the Homeric World, Lower 5 must be able to confidently and quickly interpret and explain the significance of archaeological finds and archaeological sites and settlements. Their work on Mycenaean life and material culture is therefore crucial to their understanding of the history but also highly relevant to the development of their exam technique.

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