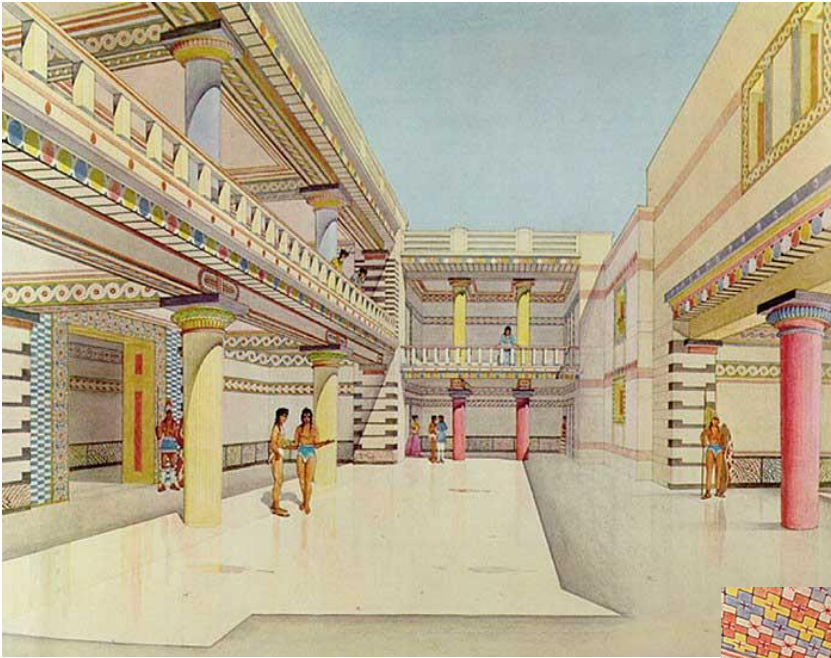




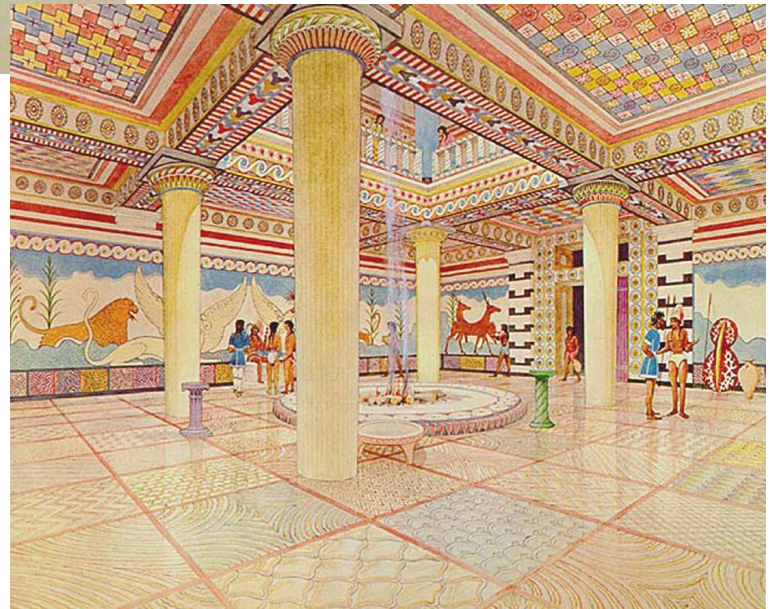
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The Bronze Age History of the Palace of Nestor at Pylos

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Extraordinary preservation and an abundance of recovered artifacts have made Pylos the chief site for the study of Mycenaean palaces in Bronze Age Greece. Well-built walls and plaster floors clearly define interior rooms, many of which, when excavated in the 1950s-1960s, still contained their original contents--brightly colored frescoes, pottery, sculpture, bronze tools and Linear B-inscribed clay tablets. Renewed investigations have shed new light on the phases of construction of the palace, particularly valuable as Mycenaean palaces were short-lived phenomena. Untangling the many remodelings and additions at Pylos reveals a much longer building history than originally thought and points to an architectural sequence unlike other palaces, with a surprising early influence from the Minoan civilization on Crete.

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