**Internet Research Worksheet**

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| Topic under investigation: | Greek Dark Age |

1. Who was involved?

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| **Individual's or Group's Name:** | **Short Description of This Person or Group:** |
| Mycenaeans | A Bronze Age civilization that was centered in mainland Greece, and collapsed around 1200 BC marking the start of the Greek Dark Age. |
| Dorians | A group of people that were traditionally believed to have invaded Greece from the north and caused the downfall of the Mycenaean civilization, a theory that has largely been discredited. |
| Greeks | Inhabitants of Greece who underwent major cultural, political, and social changes during the Greek Dark Age. |
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1. What were the main events and when did they occur?

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| **Date:** | **Title of Event:** | **Short Description of This Event:** |
| 1200 BC | Start of the Greek Dark Age | The Greek Dark Age began with the collapse of the Mycenaean civilization. |
| 9th or 8th Century BC | Adoption of the Phoenician Alphabet | During the transition to the Archaic period, the Greeks started using the Phoenician alphabet, which later developed into the Greek alphabet. |
| 776 BC | First Recorded Olympic Games | The first recorded Olympic Games took place marking the transition from the Greek Dark Age to the Archaic period. |
| 750 BC | End of the Greek Dark Age | The Greek Dark Age ended, marking the start of the Archaic period. |

1. Where were the important locations?

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| **Name of City, Country, or Location:** | **Short Description of This Location:** |
| Mainland Greece | The heartland of the Mycenaean civilization and the location where most developments during the Greek Dark Age occurred. |
| Mycenae, Tiryns, Pylos | Famous cities of the Mycenaean civilization, which were left in ruins during the Greek Dark Age. |
| Athens, Thebes, Corinth | City-states that rose to prominence after the Greek Dark Age during the Classical period. |
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1. What new words or phrases do you need to understand?

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| **Word or Phrase:** | **Short Description of This Word or Phrase:** |
| Linear B | The script used by the Mycenaeans, which declined during the Greek Dark Age. |
| Tholos Tombs | Large communal tombs used for burials during the Mycenaean period, use of which declined during the Greek Dark Age. |
| Polis | The term for a city-state in ancient Greece, which became the primary political structure after the Greek Dark Age. |
| Tyranny | A form of government in which one person (the tyrant) holds absolute power over the state, which began to rise after the Greek Dark Age, during the Archaic Period. |
| Archaic Period | The period in Greek history following the Dark Age, which saw developments like the rise of the polis system and the beginnings of democracy. |
| Classical Period | The subsequent period of Greek history, noted for its significant advancements in political science, philosophy, and the arts. |

**Paragraph Writing**

Based upon what you have learnt during your background research, answer the question below in paragraph format:

*What changes occurred in Greece during the Dark Age?*