

## Ancient Greek art: An overview.

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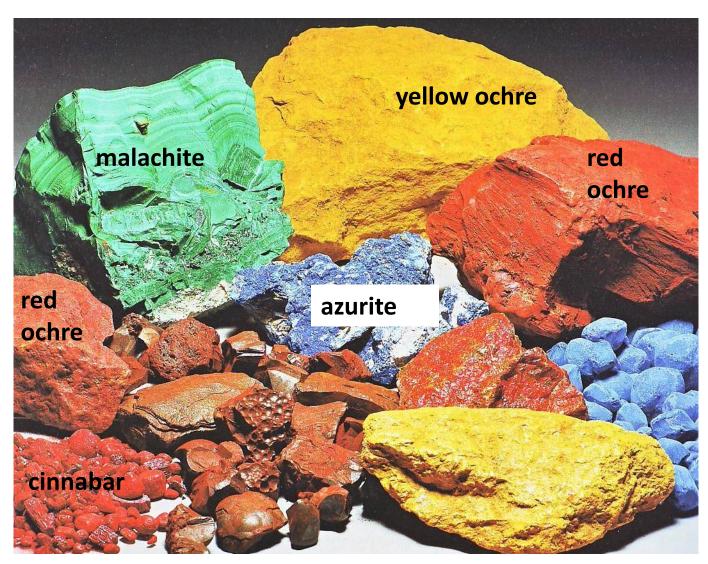
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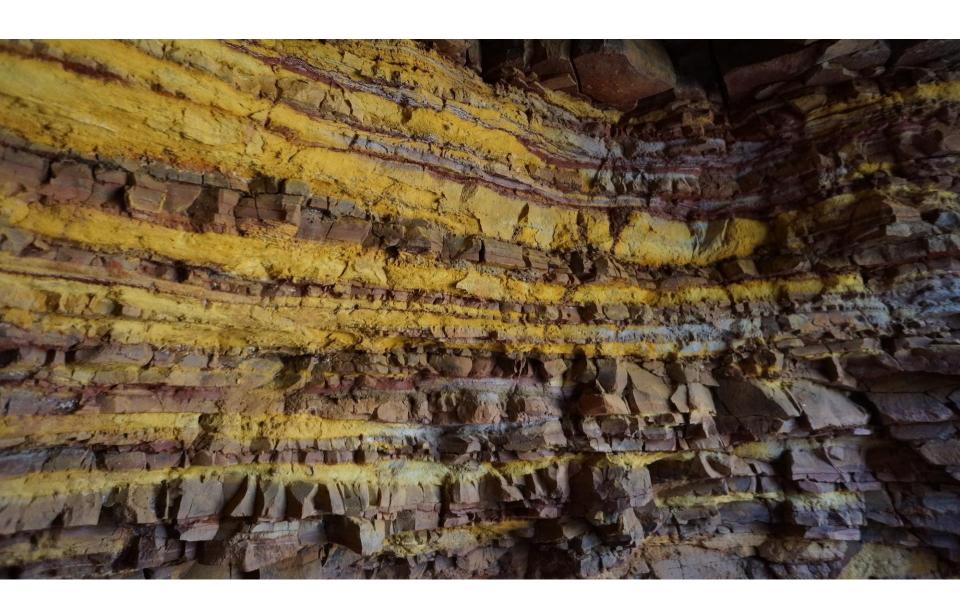
## Reading:

• Plantzos 2016: pp. 180-185, 210-214.





Egyptian blue









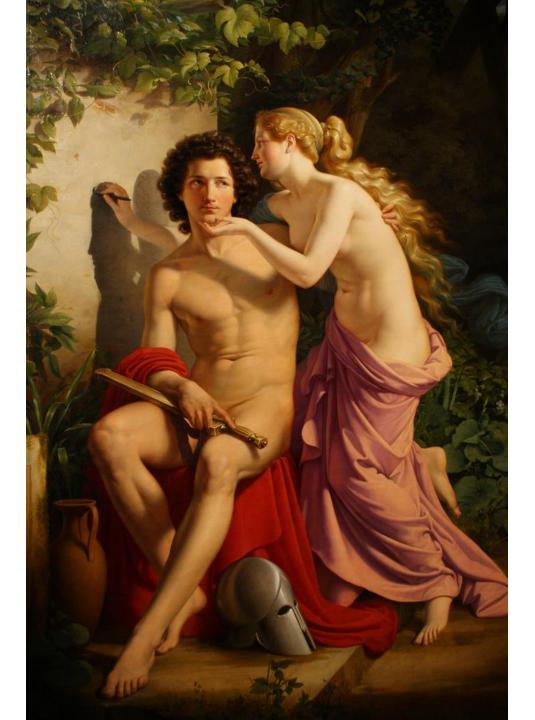








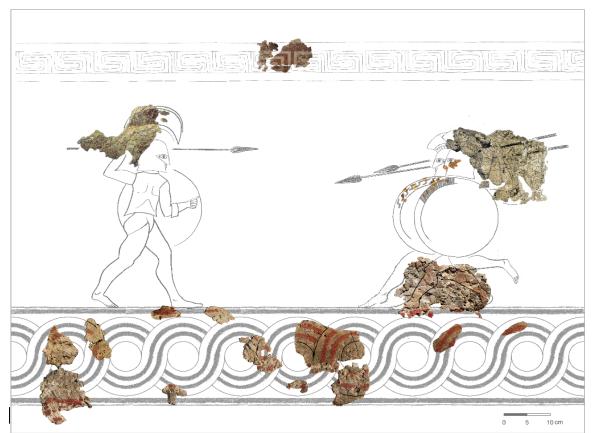




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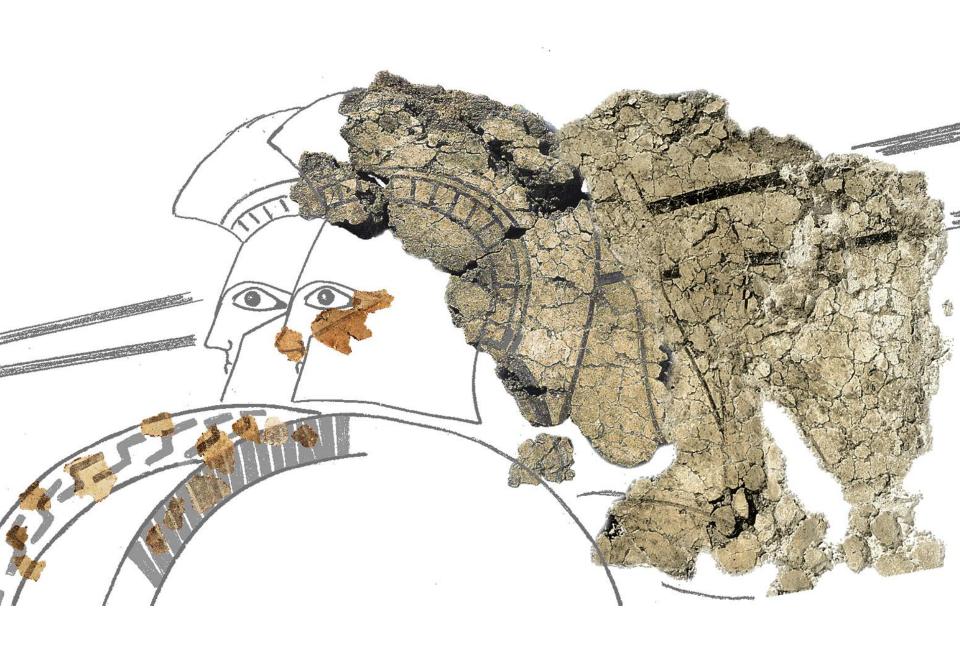
The Invention of Painting
(1832)

**Kalapodi, Phthiotis 7**<sup>th</sup> **c. BCE**Temple of Apollo at Abai.



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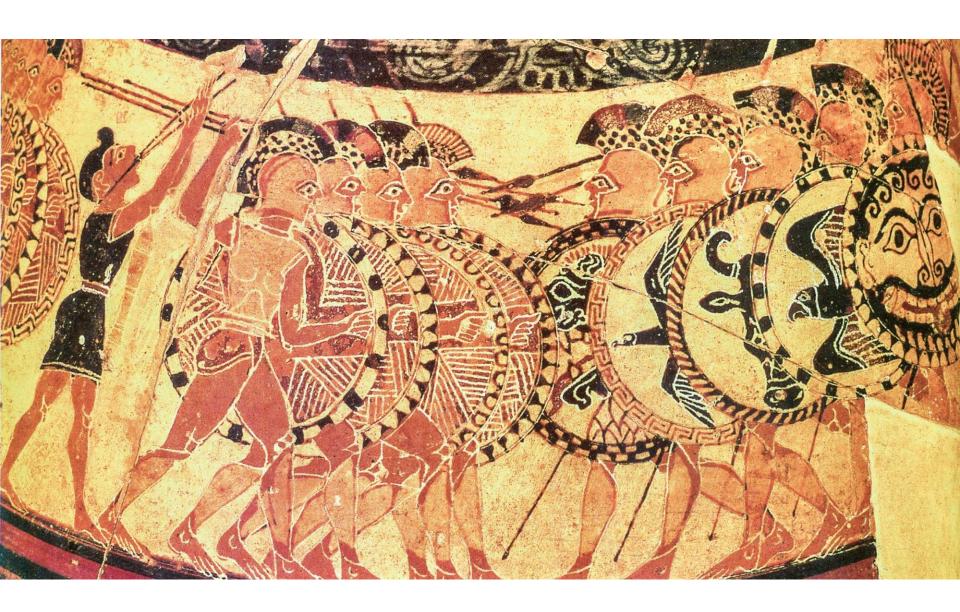
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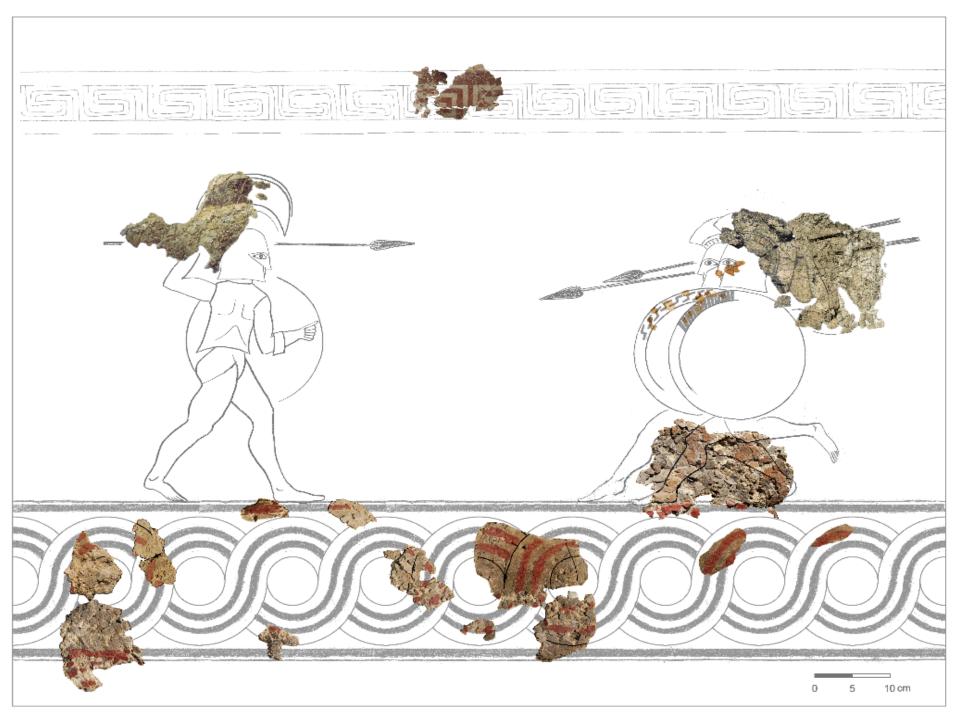


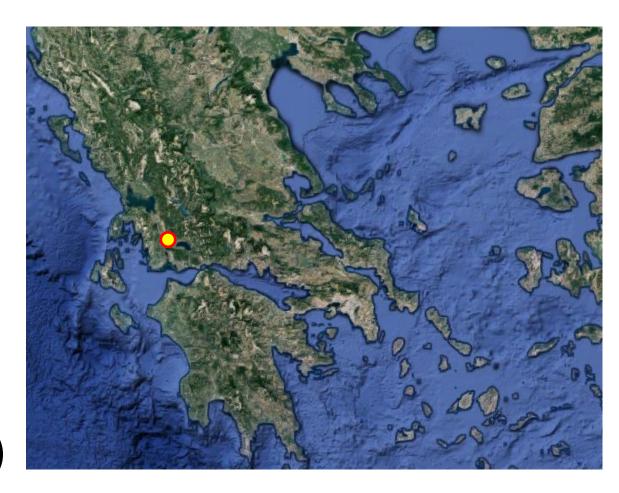
Corinth, c. 650-640 BCE

Chigi vase: a polychrome wine pitcher.

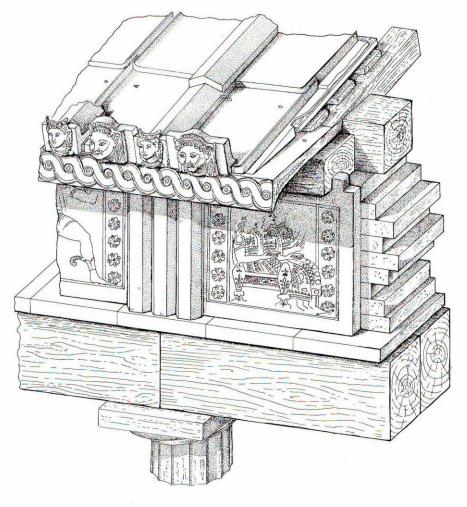


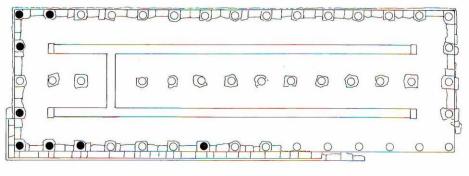






Temple of Apollo Thermos (Aitolia) 7<sup>th</sup> c. BCE



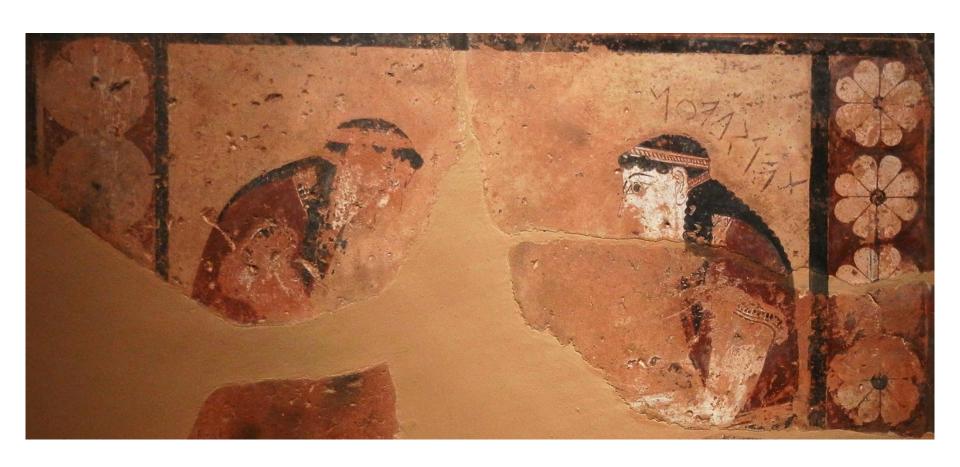


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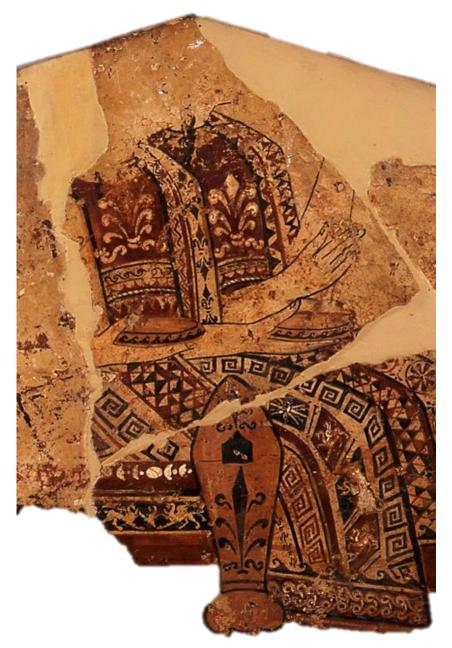


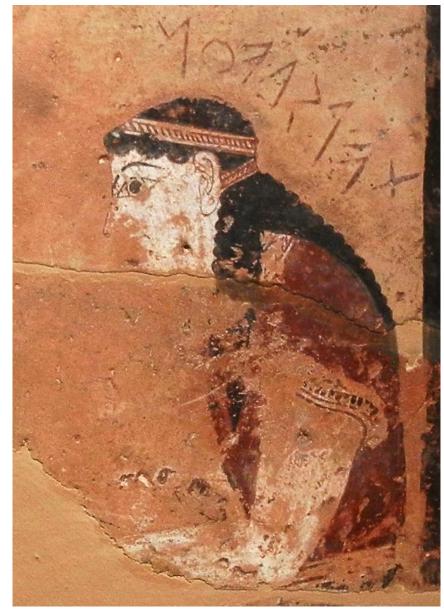


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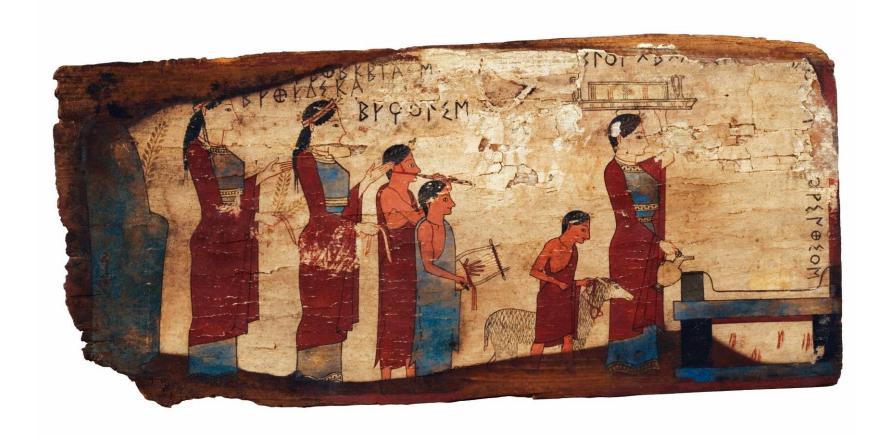






Corinthian krater. 6<sup>th</sup> c. BCE.

Pitsas Cave (Corinth) 6<sup>th</sup> c. BCE





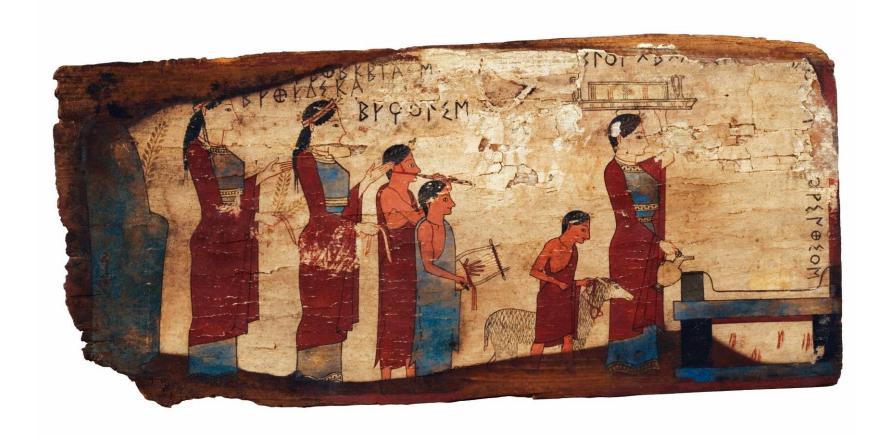


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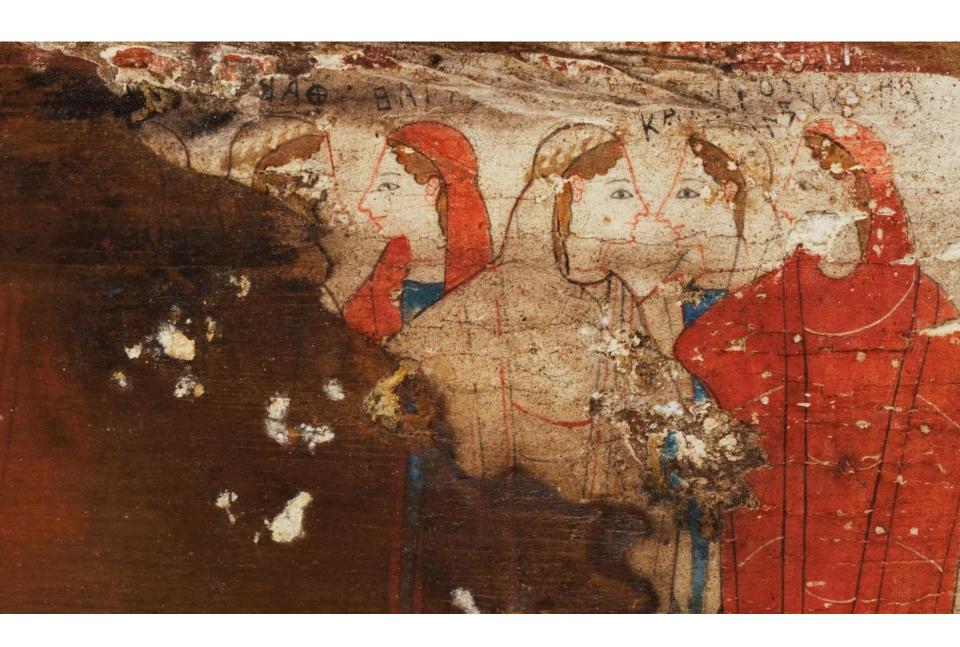






Pitsas (Corinth) Wooden plaque Ritual scene c. 560 BCE

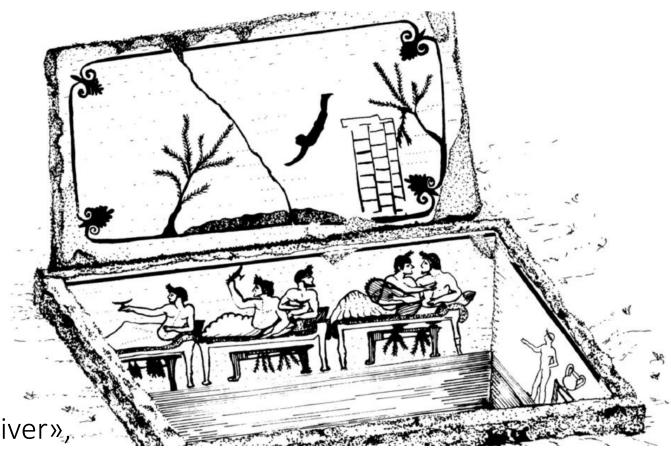












Tomb of the «Diver»

Paestum (Italy).

c. 480-470 BCE.



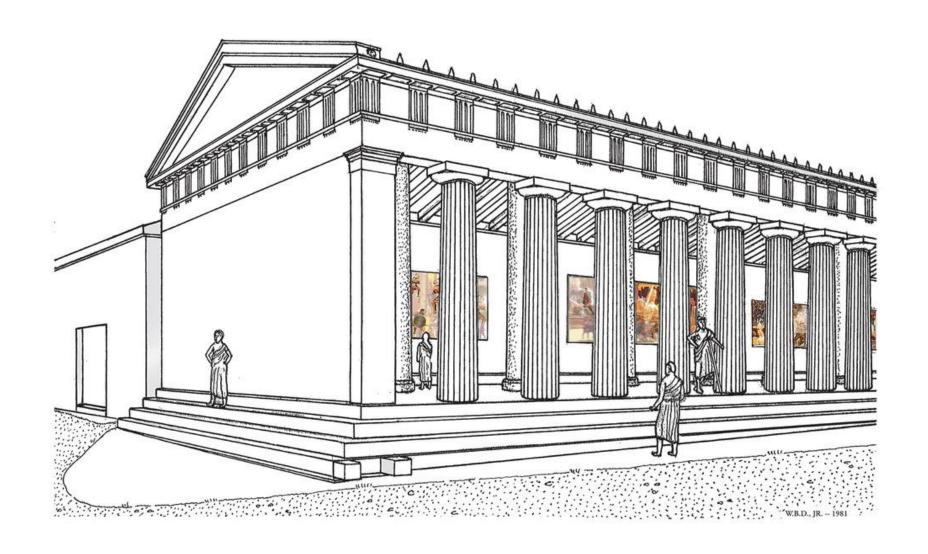




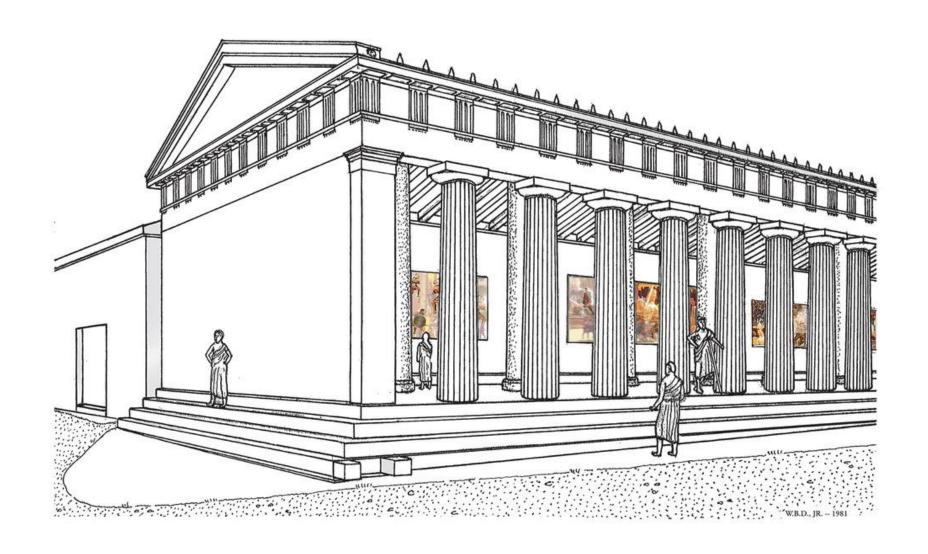


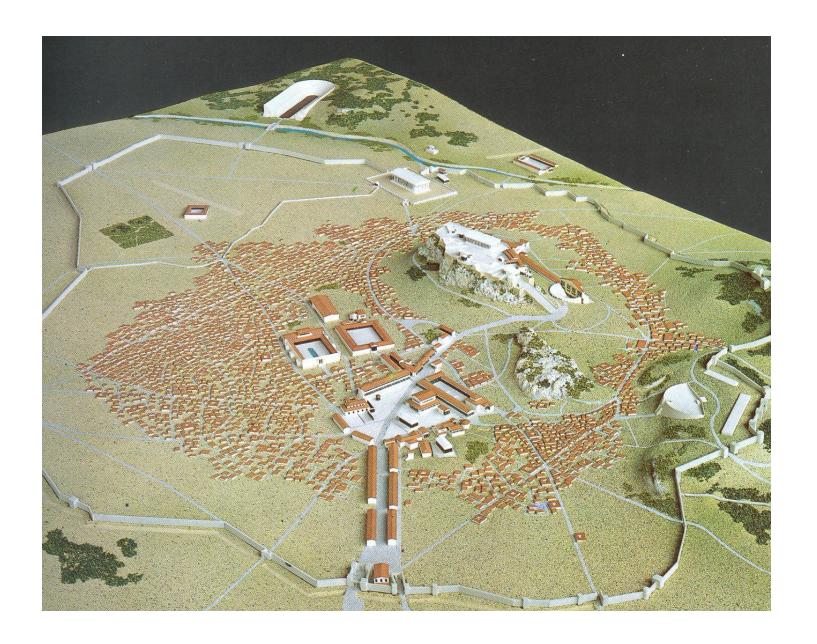


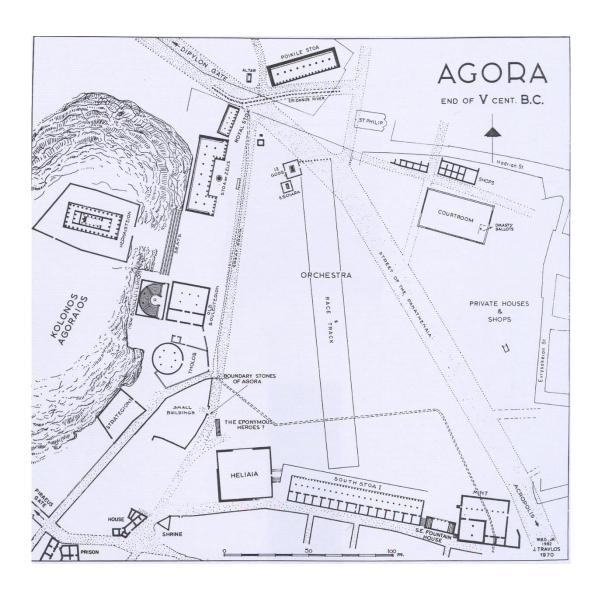
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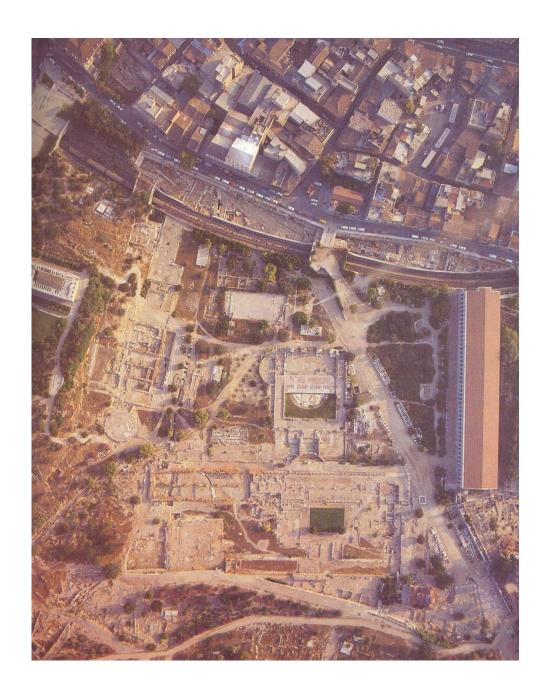


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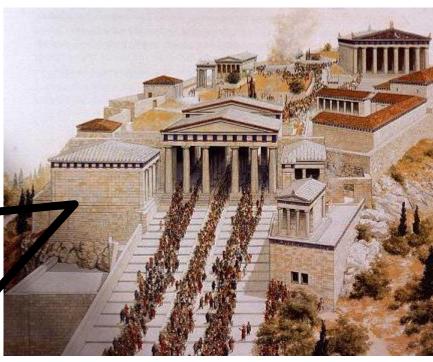


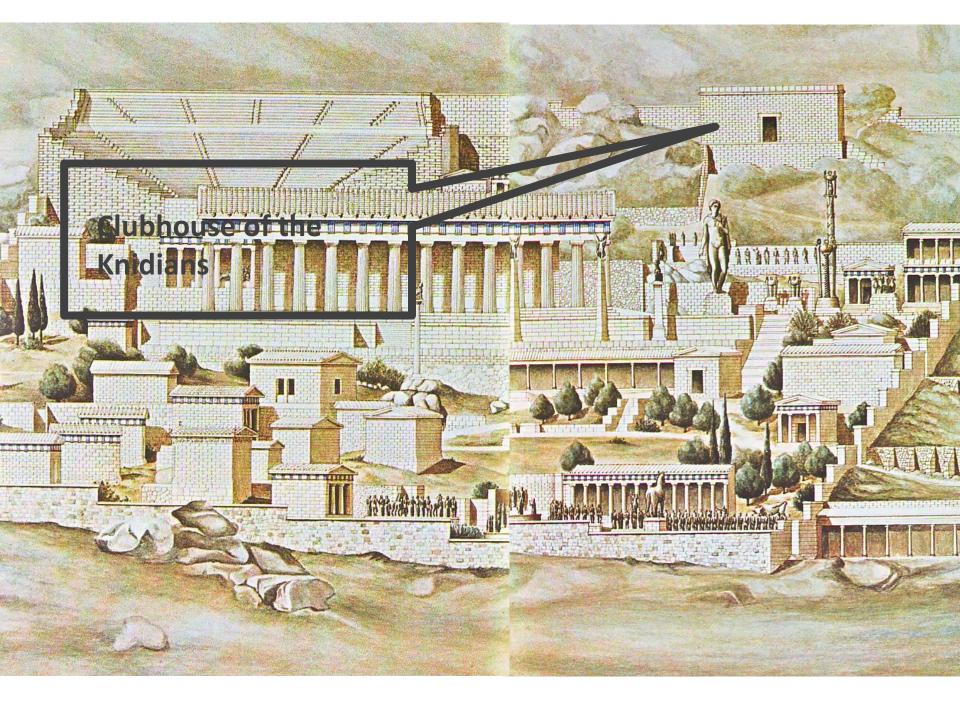


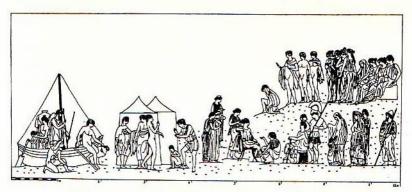


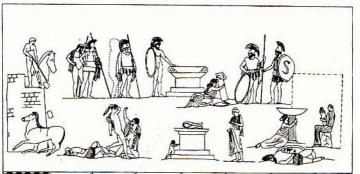
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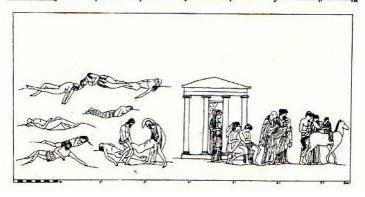


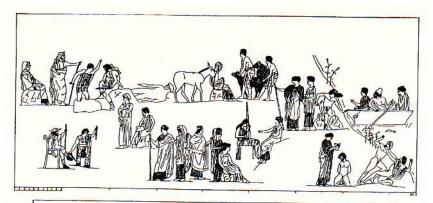




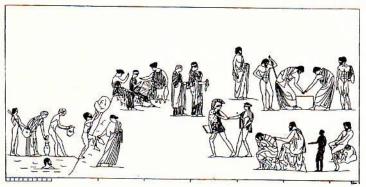


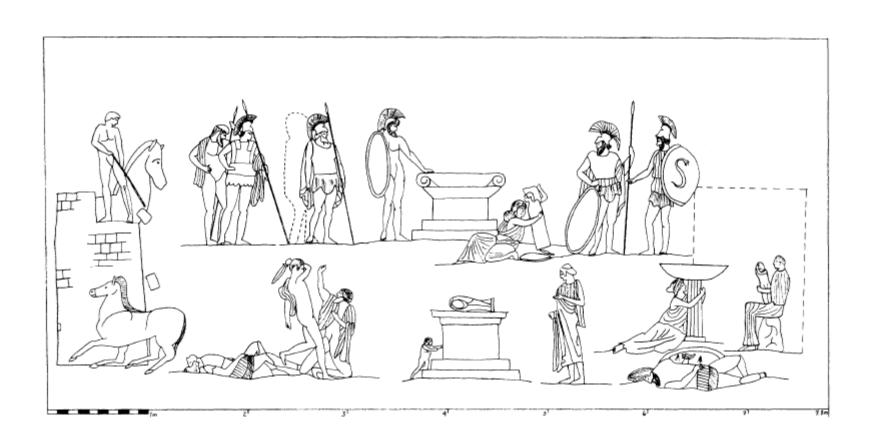




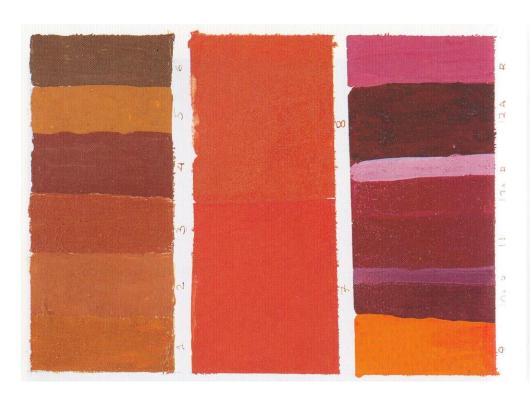




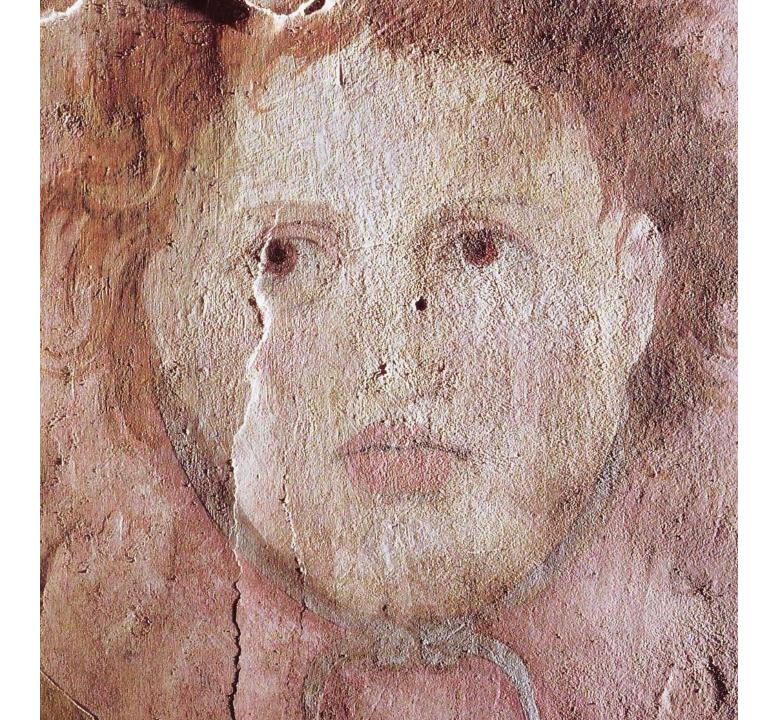


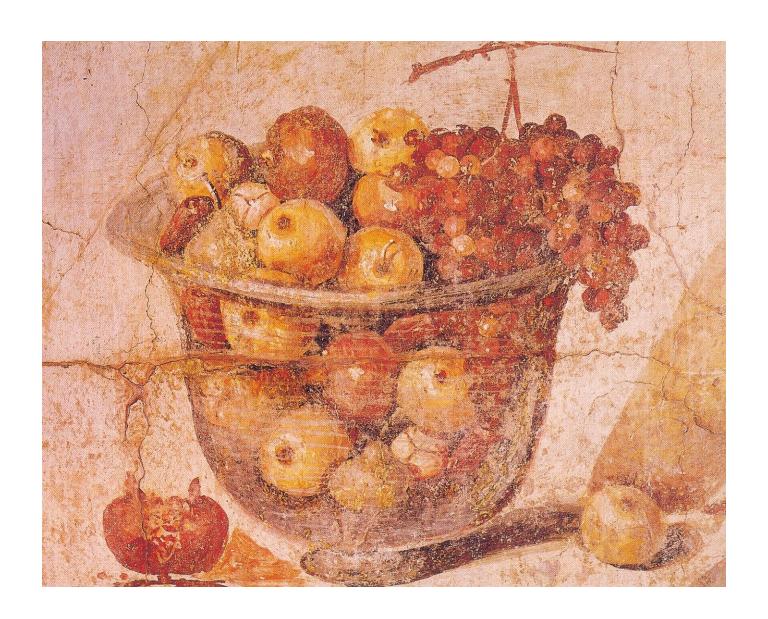


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## Skenographia:





#### Pamphilos (4<sup>th</sup> c. BCE):

- From Sikyon or Amphipolis
- The first artist who to study arithmetic and geometry in order to perfect his art
- Charged high tuition fees
- On Draughtsmanship
- On Painting and Illustrious Painters

Nikias (4<sup>th</sup> c. BC):

 Pupil of the painter Antidotos

 First to use the technique of shading on the female body

 Collaboration with Praxiteles

• Hermes of Olympia (?)



### Nikomachos (late 4<sup>th</sup> c. BCE):

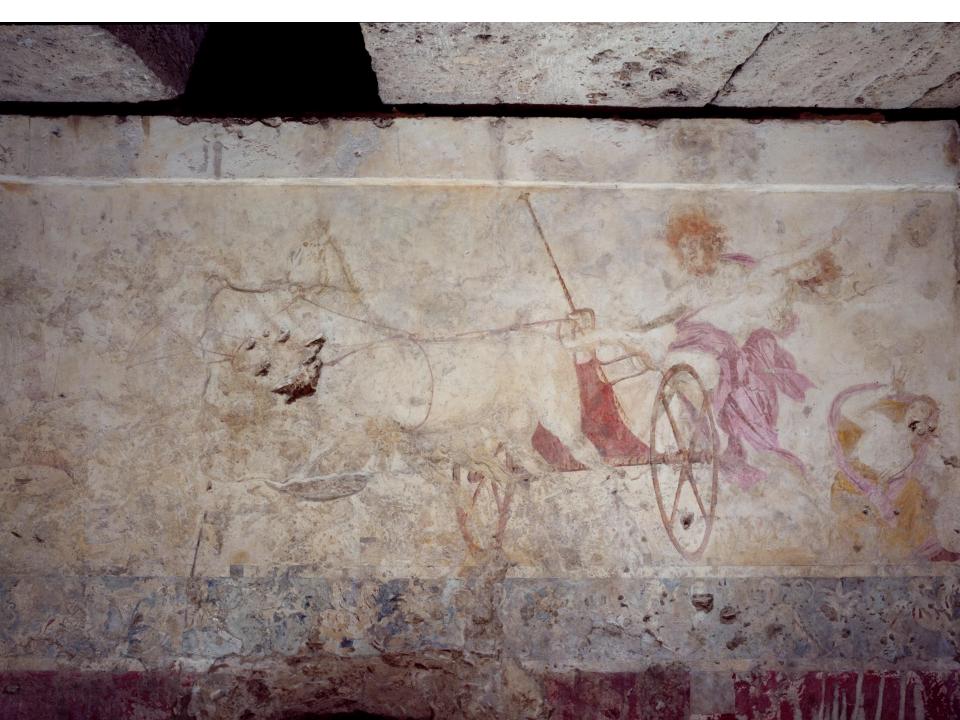
- Thebes
- son and father of painters
- Rape of Persephone







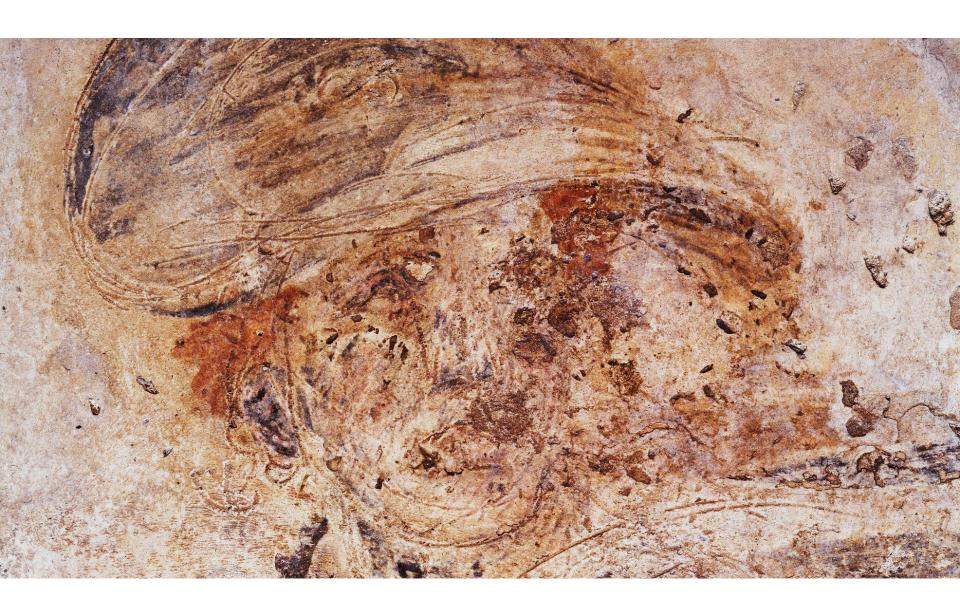
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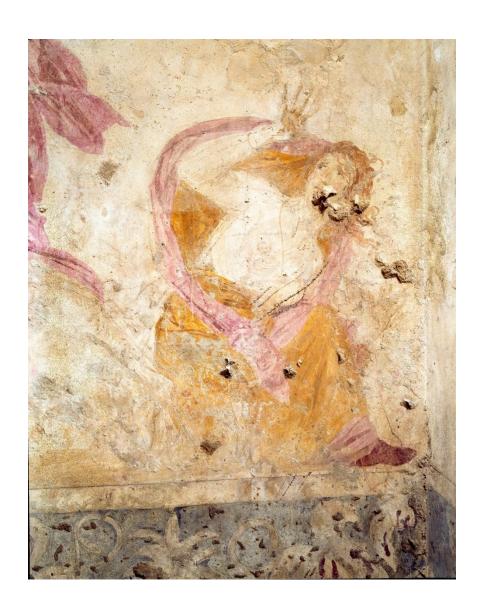


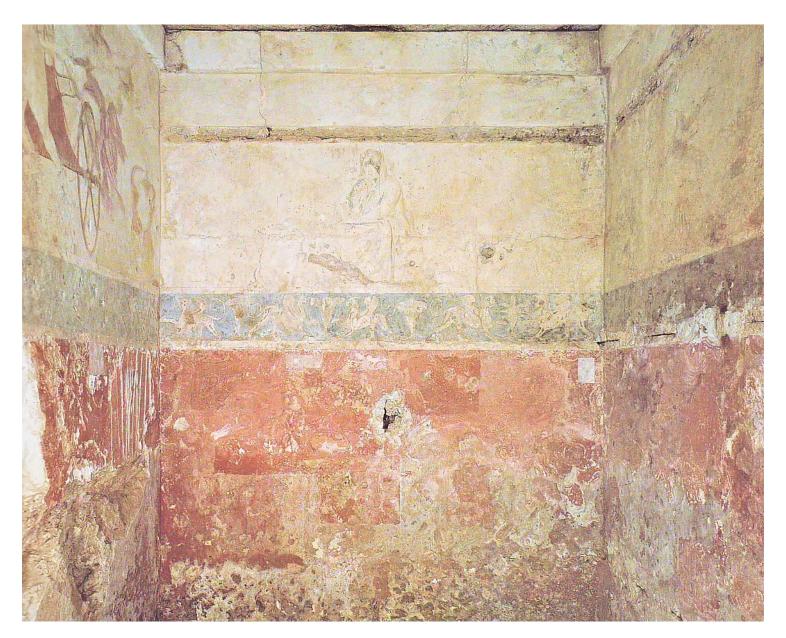








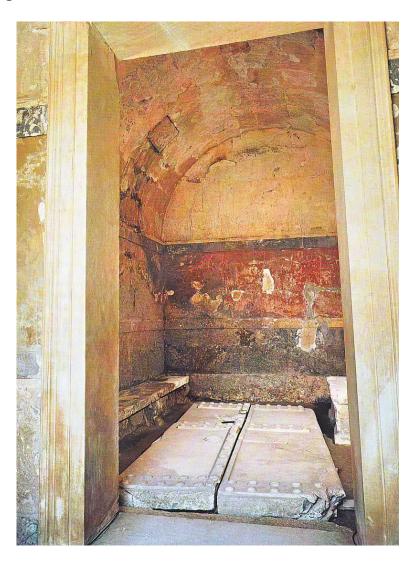




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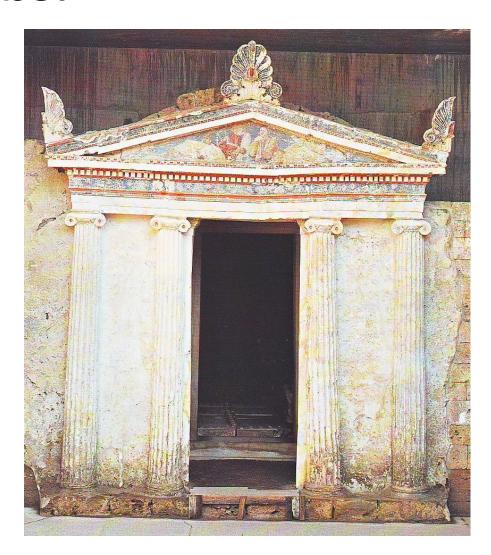
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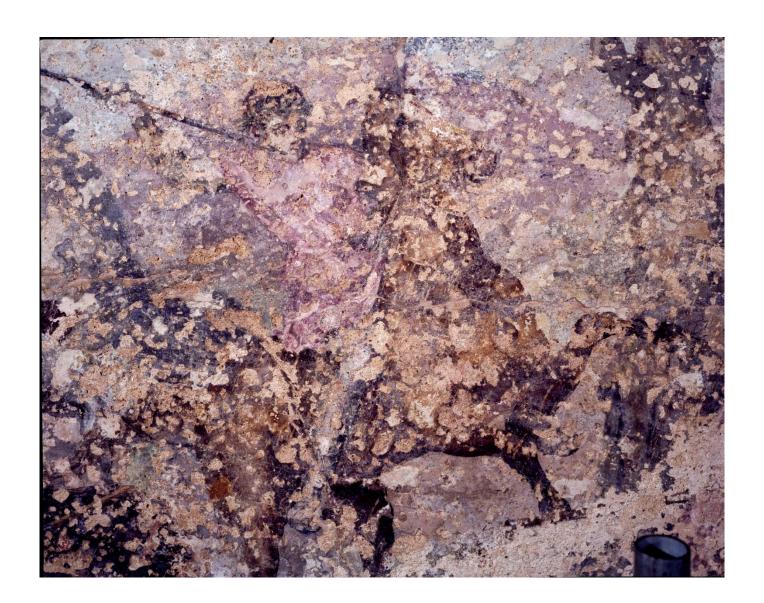


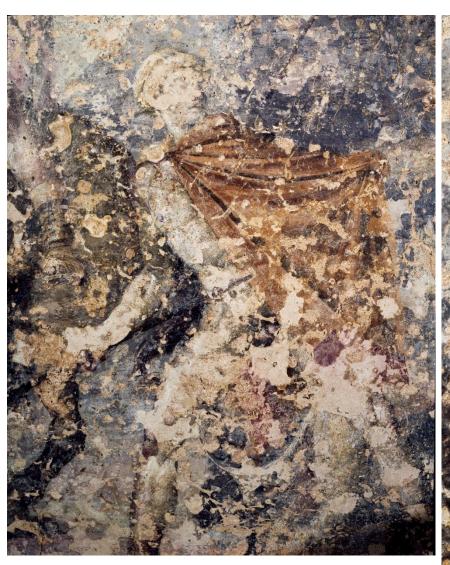




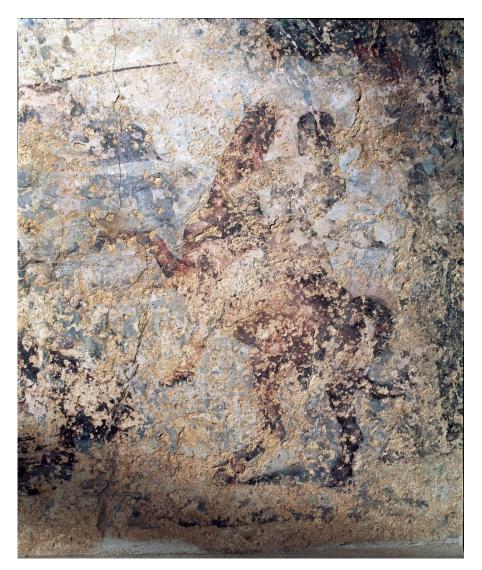








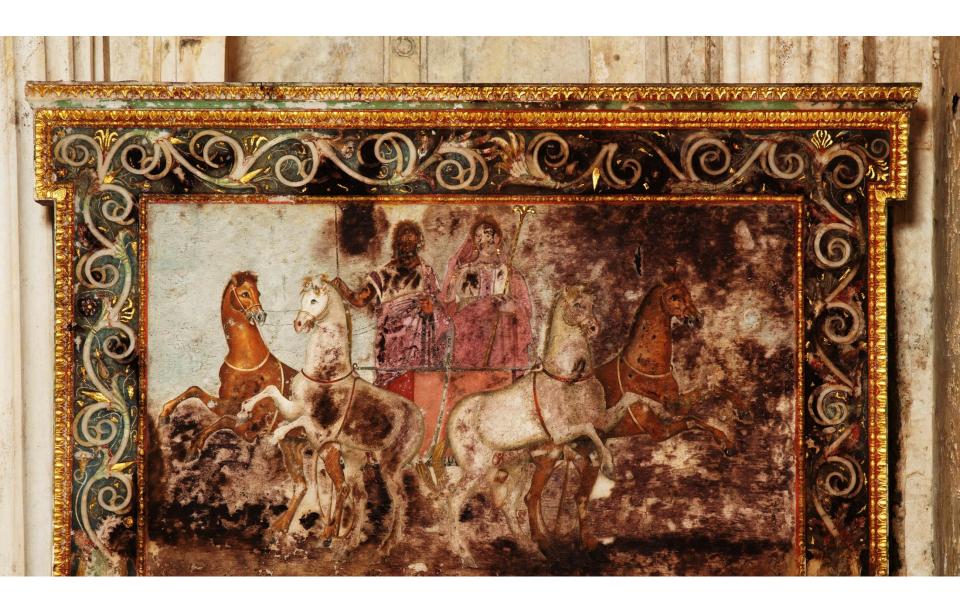


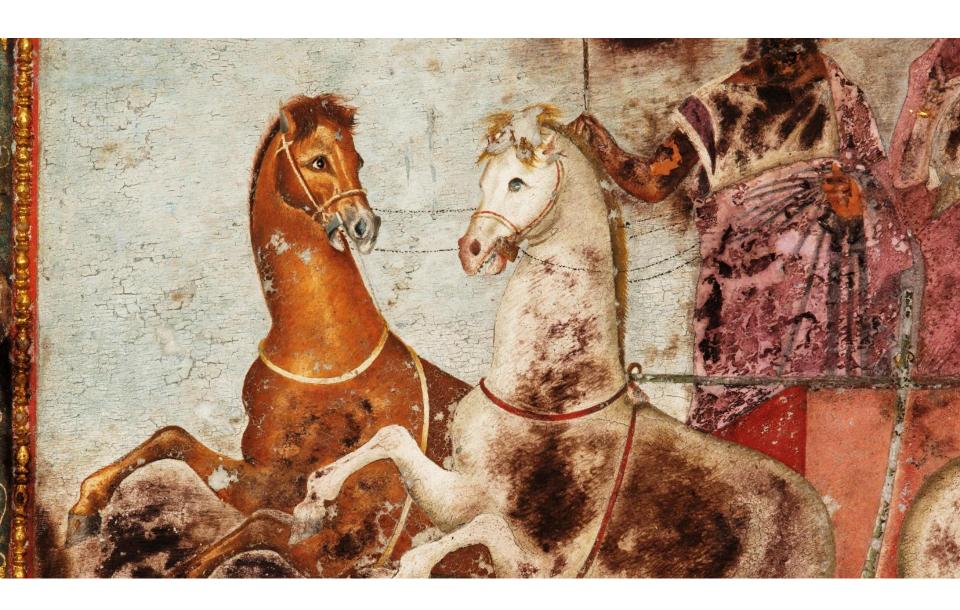








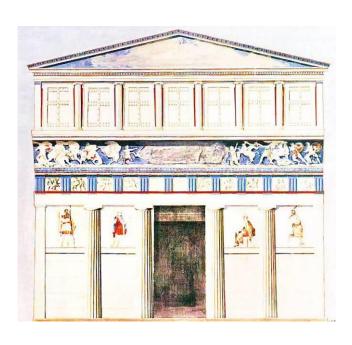








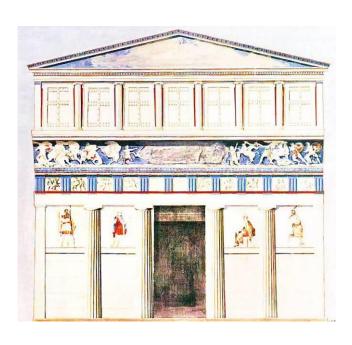


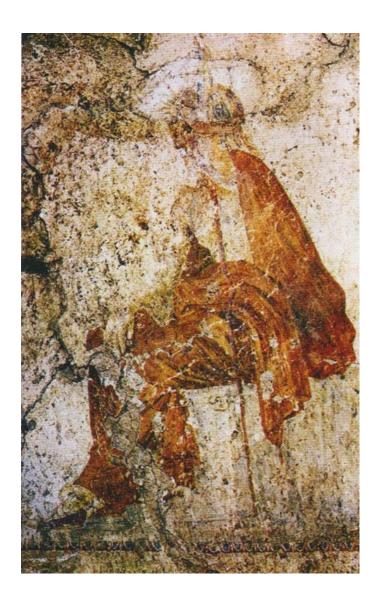






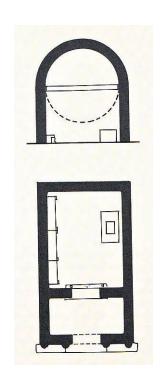




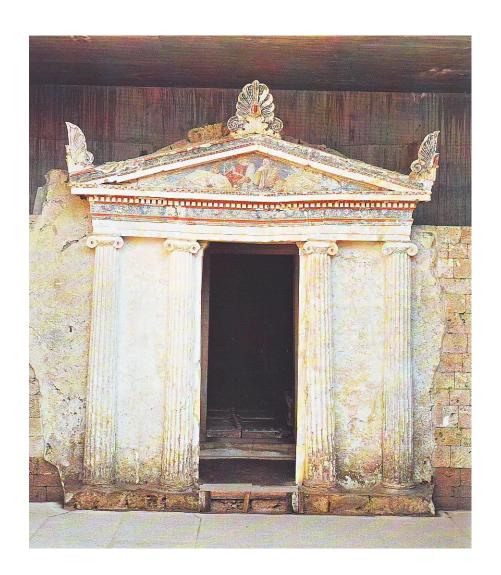


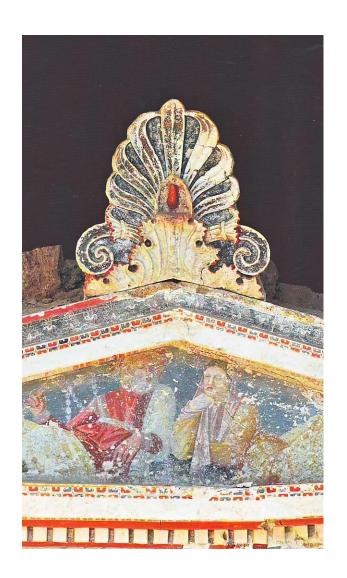


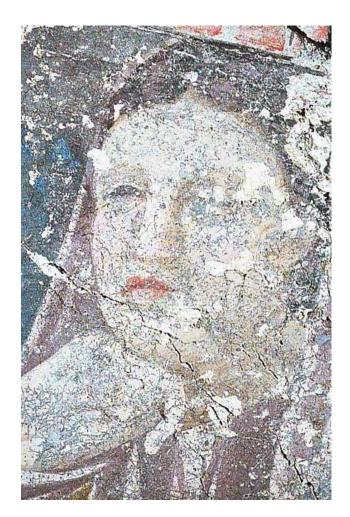




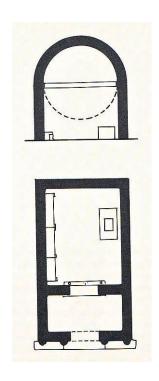








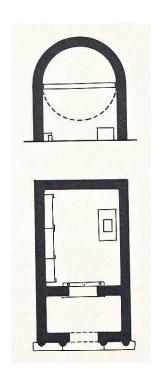
Tomb of the Palmettes (3rd c. BCE)



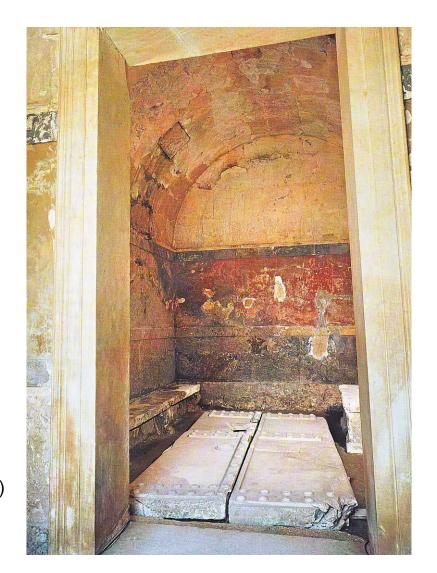


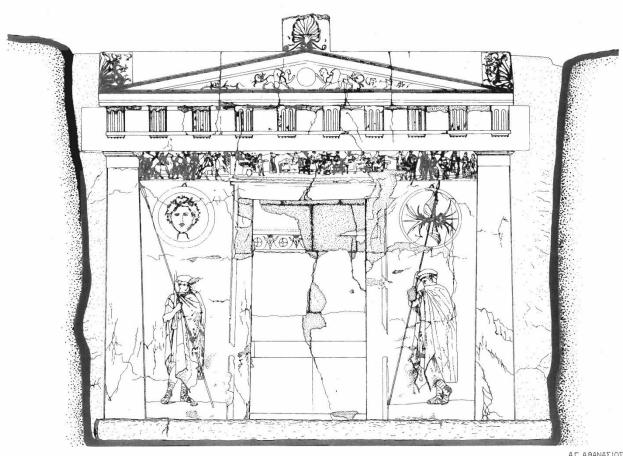


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