

# GREEK HISTORICAL LINGUISTICS

## *Topic 2: Mycenaean as a Dialect*

Mycenaean is the earliest attested form of Greek – does that make it Early Greek, or is it just another dialect? How uniform is it, and how does it relate to other Greek dialects?

[If you have time: Chadwick has some interesting views on the relationship between Mycenaean and Dorian; he believes the latter not to have arrived after the Mycenaean period, but to have been around as a lower class all the while (cf. Chadwick 1976, 1986). This view is not generally accepted; see the view of Risch (1981).]

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