

labrys

a double-headed  
axe

larnax

a container for  
human bones

libation

the pouring of wine or  
oil onto the ground as  
an offering to a god or  
hero

lustration

a ritual washing or  
purification rite

magazine

a storehouse or  
warehouse for  
goods

Minotaur

a monster being  
half man and half  
bull

mural

relating to a wall

obsidian

a glass-like  
volcanic rock

ossuary

a bone storage  
area

pantheon

the collective group  
of all the gods

papyrus

material made  
from plant fibre,  
resembles paper

pithos

a large clay  
storage jar

polythrya

many doors set  
between piers

rhyton

drinking horn  
vessel

sacrophagus

a stone or wood  
box for a dead  
body

sistrum

a rattle used to accompany singing

stele

upright slab or pillar of stone bearing an inscription or carving

stratigraphy

the recording of the different levels of strata of ground as it is dug down into

tablet

a flat and smooth piece of compressed damp clay for writing on with a sharp implement

thalassocracy

rule of the sea; sea-based empire

tholos

a round,  
sometimes domed  
structure

tumulus

a man-made  
mound of earth

villa

a substantial, self-  
sufficient country  
house

wanax

a king or chief in  
Mycenean times

xoanon

a crudely made  
effigy of a god