The 7th century BC

Coins, colonies and written law.

Greek cities founded colonies from Marseille to the Black Sea, coinage spread from Lydia, Sappho wrote, and Draco gave Athens written laws.

What rose

c. 700 BC. Hesiod's Works and Days. Source: Works and Days

c. 630 BC. Sappho of Lesbos. Source: Sappho

c. 600 BC. Greek colonists found Massalia (Marseille). Source: Marseille

621 BC. Draco writes down the laws of Athens. Source: Draco (lawgiver)

What fell or stalled

Assyria's wars destroyed cities across the Near East. Source: Neo-Assyrian Empire

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