Intramural burials have been found in most excavated MH settlements. Extramural cemeteries of cist and pit graves also exist, but all of these are of MH III date at the earliest (Sesklo, Eleusis, Mycenae, and Zygouries), some of those routinely dated to the MH period being in fact of LH I date (e.g. Prosymna). A special kind of extramural "cemetery" is the tumulus. A low wall, circular in plan, supports a low mound of earth into which cist and pithos burials are sunk. Likewise, the size of individual graves increases with time, and more and more burials are extended rather than contracted. All these developments appear to be signs of increasing affluence. The most common types of MH burials are cists and simple pit burials. 

Stories of the dead? A reexamination of Helladic Burials at Asine and Prosymna

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Abstract
This project takes on the topic of death and burial in the Argolid Region of Greece during the Late Helladic Period. The overall goal of this thesis is to start a conversation surrounding what new information, from previously excavated material, can be revealed through the use of imaginative storytelling. The foundation of my thesis is twofold. One: there is the belief that archaeologists uncover a world that the ancients inhabit, but that is not accurate. Archaeologists uncover scraps of a lost culture that we have to make sense of the complicated past. Two: the use of imaginative storytelling allows for scholars to open up the amount of possible interpretations about the artifacts uncovered. As a result, this project revisits previously excavated material from Asine and Prosymna. It is hoped that this fictive storytelling will allow different aspects of the past, present, and future to be imagined and discussed to create fruitful understandings and interpretations of human behaviors and use of material culture.

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