

Greek Pottery

- **Pottery** is the ceramic ware made by potters. Major types of pottery include earthenware, stoneware, and porcelain. The places where such wares are made are called potteries. **Pottery is one of the oldest human technologies and art-forms, and remains a major industry today.**
- Porcelain: a strong, vitreous, translucent ceramic material, biscuit-fired at a low temperature, then glazed and then fired at a very high temperature.

Types of pottery

- Greek Vase Shapes.
- Hydria.
- Lekythos.
- Krater.
- Amphora.
- Kylix.
- Oenochoe.

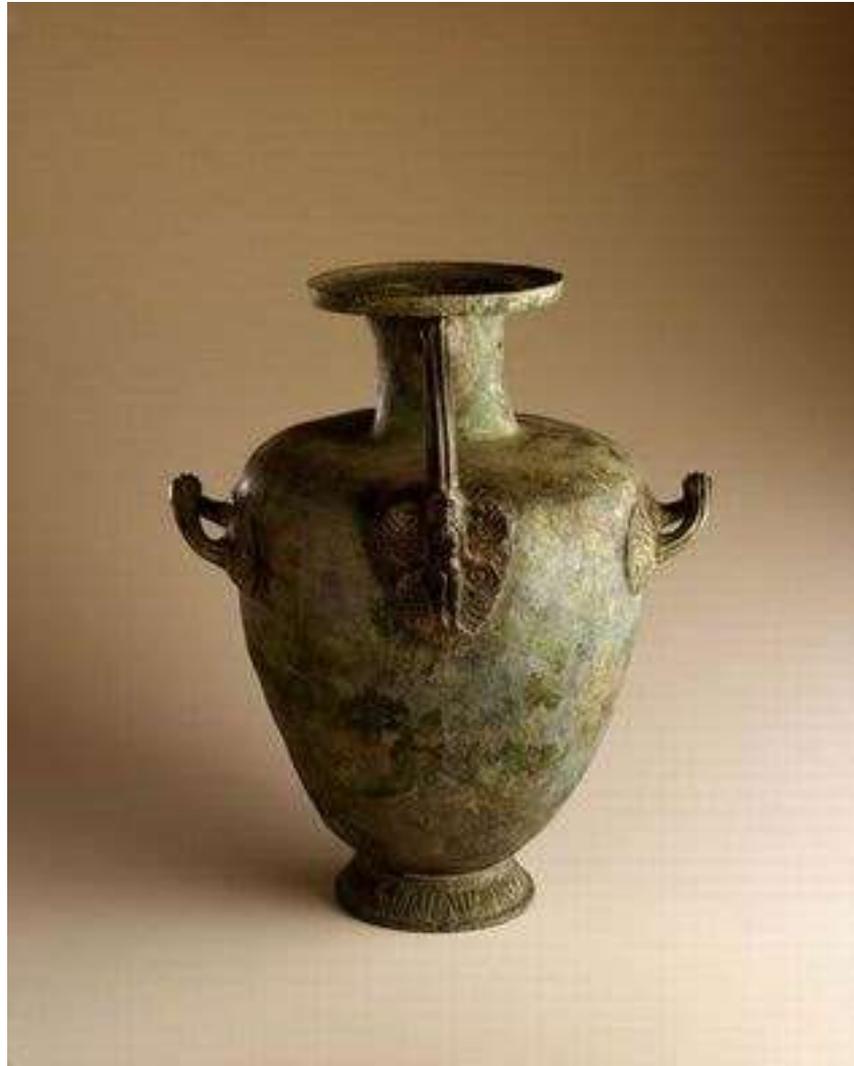
Hydria

- A **hydria** is a type of Greek pottery used for **carrying water**. The hydria has **three handles**. **Two horizontal handles** on either side of the body of the pot were used for lifting and carrying the pot. The **third handle, a vertical one**, located in the center of the other two handles, was used when pouring water.
- **This water vessel can be found in both the red and black figure pottery styles**. They often depicted scenes of **Greek mythology**, that reflected moral and social obligations.

Hydria

ca. 400-325 BCE

Bronze H: 44 cm



Lekythos

- A lekythos is a type of Greek pottery used for **storing oil**, especially **olive oil**. It has a narrow body and one handle attached to the neck of the vessel. The images on lekythos were often depictions of daily activities or rituals. **They are so often used in funerary situations**



Krater

- A **krater** was a **large vase used to mix wine and water** in Ancient Greece.



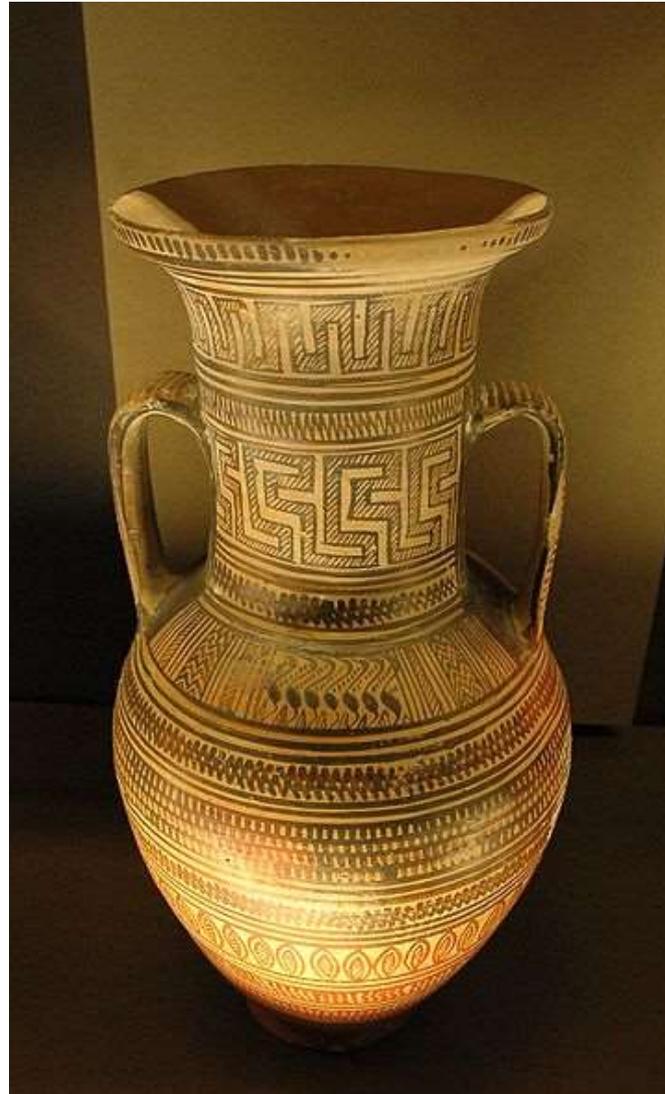
Angels of Death (515 BC) Greek, Krater

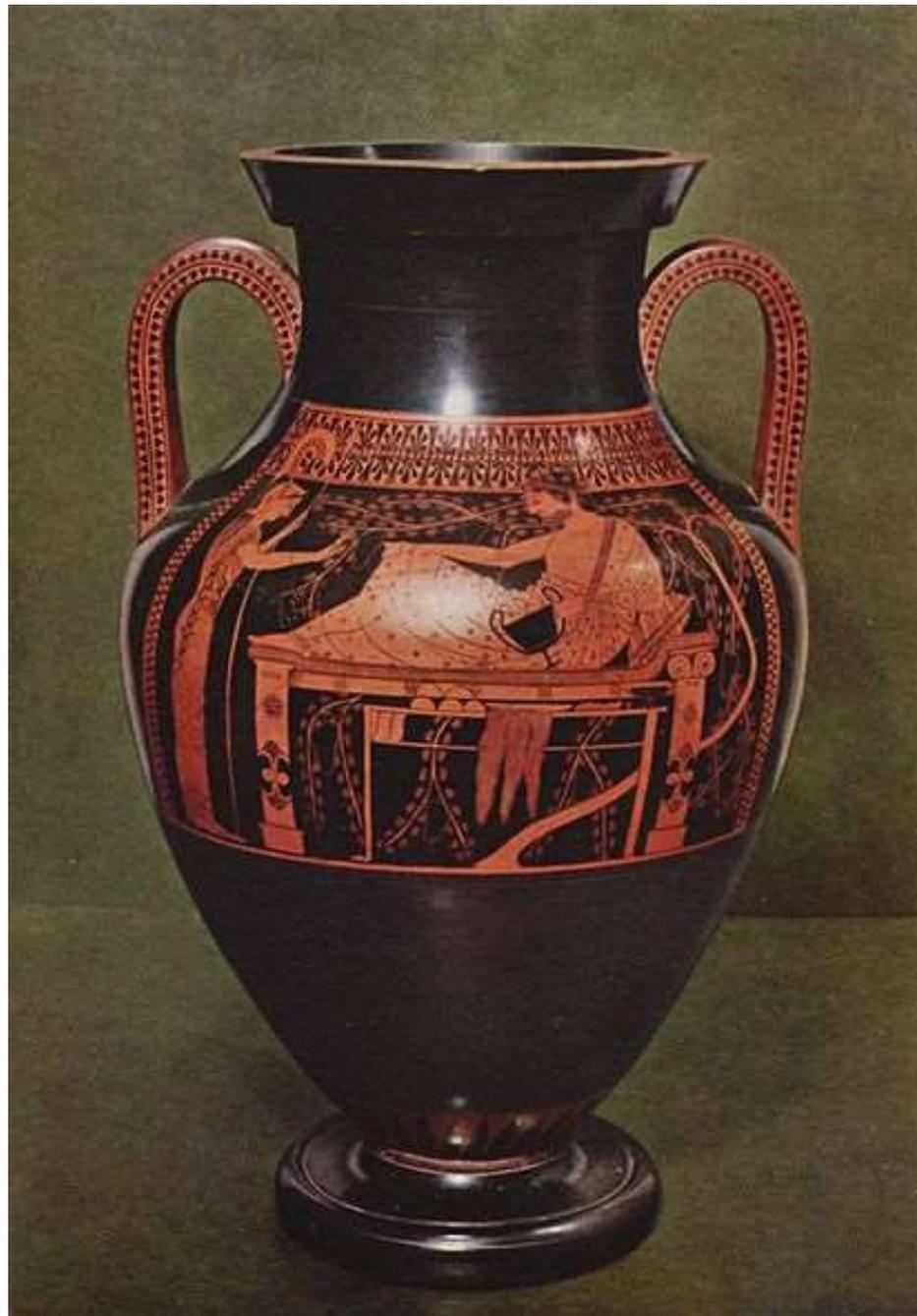


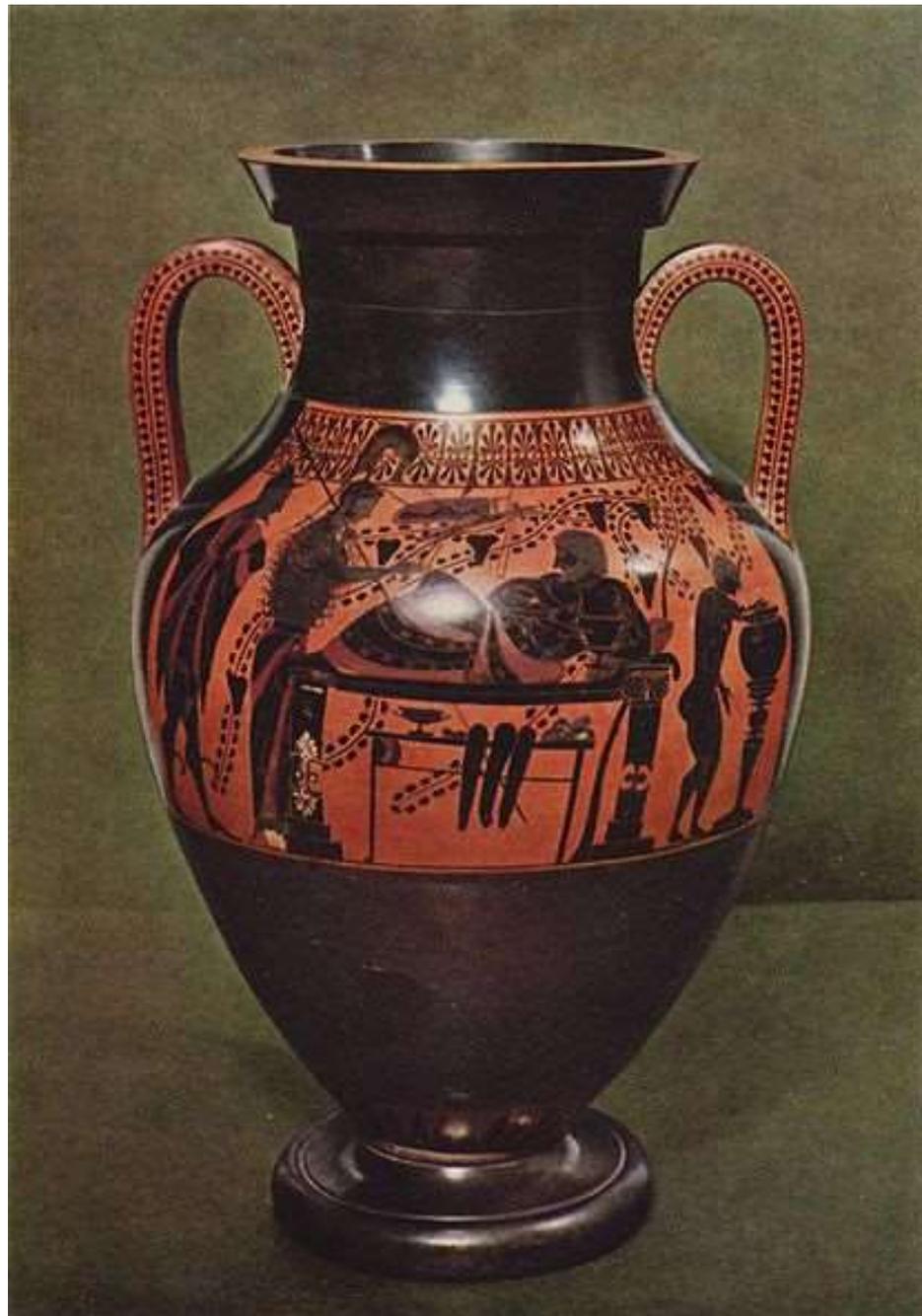
Amphora

- An **amphora** is a type of ceramic vase with two handles and a long neck narrower than the body.

Amphora, Athens (Louvre)

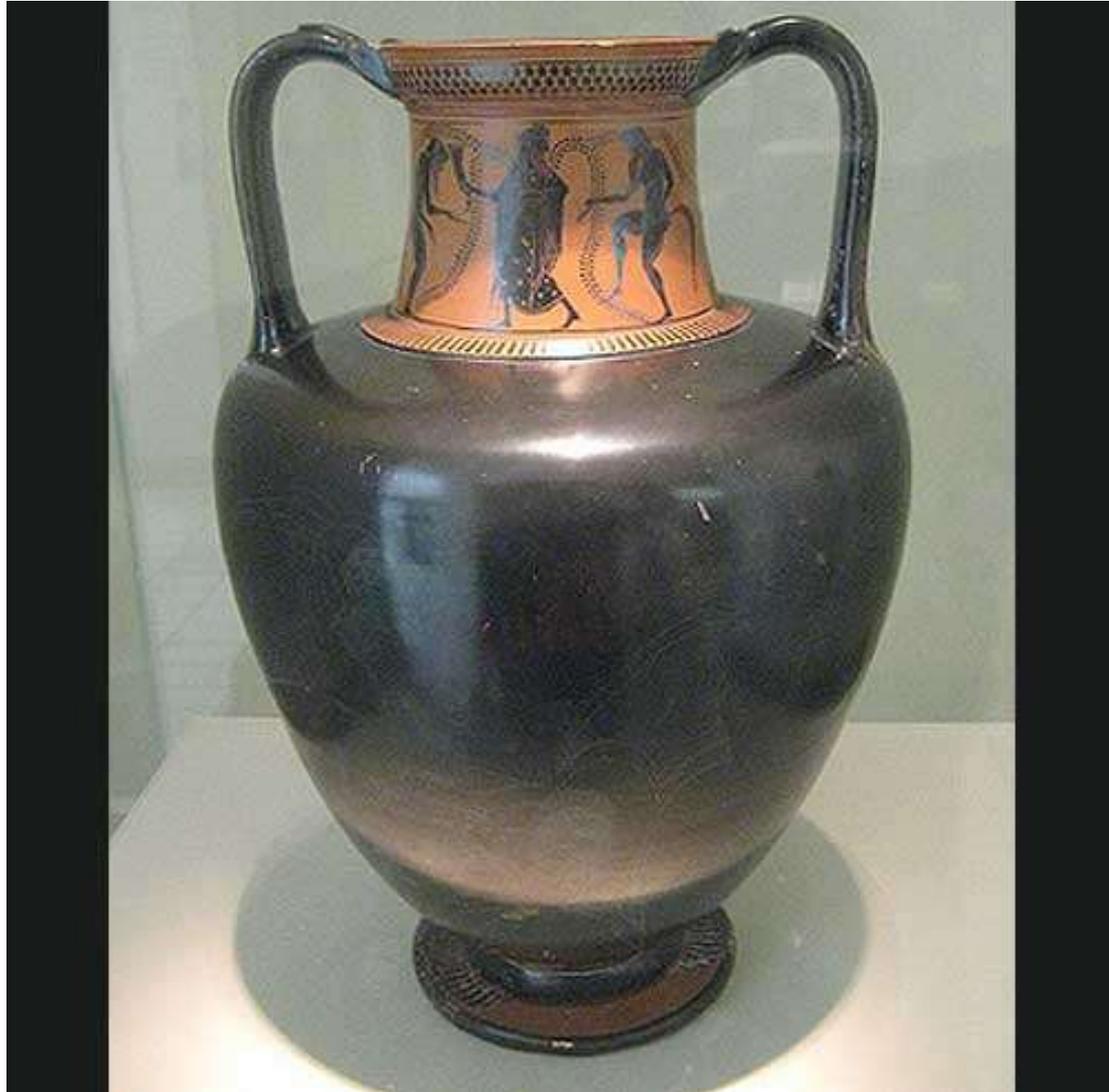








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Kylix

- A **kylix** is a type of wine-drinking cup with a broad relatively shallow body raised on a stem from a foot and usually with two horizontal handles disposed symmetrically.

Kylix



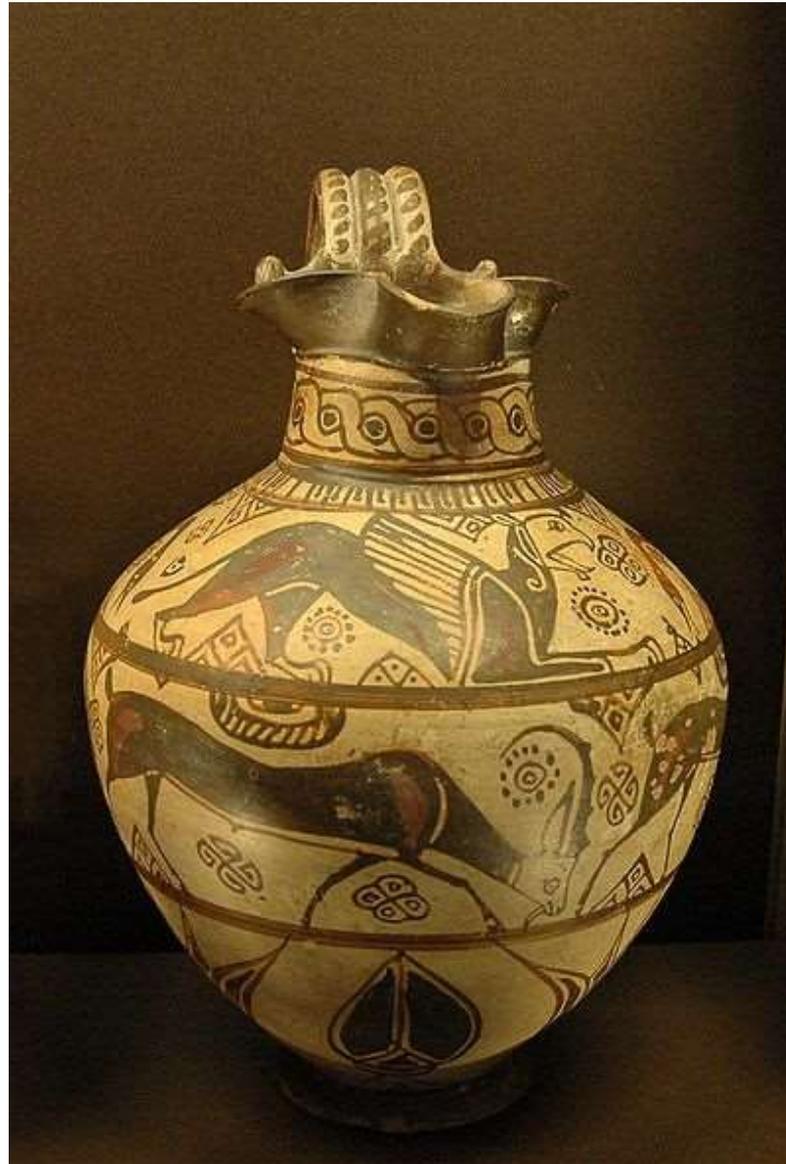
Ancient Greek pottery kylix



Oenochoe

- An oenochoe, also spelled oinochoe, is a **wine jug**, it has a single handle and is usually taller than it is wide.

Oinochoe



Greek Civilization

Geometric Art:

Representations of animals begin to appear together with purely geometric patterns on painted ceramic pots.

A little later, schematic human figures are seen depicted on very large ceramic vessels designed to serve as grave markers and to function in funerary rites.

Procession of men, *kylix* by the Triptolemos Painter, circa 480 BC. Paris: Louvre

