

Scythian Special

Link Hub

I called this Module Hub a *Scythian Special* but calling it an *akinakai special* would be just as good. I doesn't really matter. In essence I'm trying to find answers to a simple question:

How were (early) akinakai made?

- After looking at the "first" *complex* iron objects = iron swords like the [Luristan mask swords](#) and their [colleagues](#) from around 700 - 900 BC, the natural question is: how did *complex* iron technology progress?. Once more we need to look primarily at swords and daggers, possibly helmets and spear points, but not at arrow points and every-day stuff like small utility knives.

What we find are akinakai, in particular the "Scythian" type with the typical ["bollocks" guard](#).

Looking for the answer to the question above was fun. The result of the effort, however, was close to zero. I still have no idea how early akinakai were made. The following modules resulted:

Document	Content
Basics	Some background about the Scythians and their akinakai. In addition, I look at some other cultures around then, and their relations to Scythians and akinakai
Akinakes	More pictures and text to akinakia
Literature	Links to some of the major literature I read plus a few comments
Large pictures	Lare picture of this and that