History

• 3900-2500 B.C.E. Chalcolithic Age. Copper discovered – Kypros in Greek – Copper.
• 2500 – 1050 B.C.E. Bronze Age – trading of copper
• Ruled by Greeks, Phoenicians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Persians, Romans, Byzantines, and even Richard the Lionheart and the Knights Templar
Roots of Religion, Culture

• 1489-1571 C.E. - Venetians - walls surrounding Nicosia and Famagusta - Catholicism.
• 1571-1878 C.E. - Ottomans - 307 years - Islam
Modern History

• The 1878 Cyprus Convention Britain administration
• Turkey allied with Germany in WWI
• Britain annexed the island in 1914.
• Treaty of Lausanne in 1923, Turkey had to give up all rights to Cyprus.
• 1925 colony of Great Britain.
Trouble Brews

• 1930 Enosis - union with Greece.
• **Greek Cypriots** remnants of the first Greek colonizers of Cyprus. Greek, Orthodox Christian majority
• **Turkish Cypriots** descendants of Turks/Ottomans. Turkish language, Islam 20% of the population.
• 1955-1959 Enosis versus ethnic division
• 1960 Republic of Cyprus - disagreement on Constitution
Situation Worsens

- 1960 - 1973, separation
- Turkish Cypriot enclaves and attacks
- 1964 United Nations peace keepers fail
Summer 1974

- Coup to overthrow the leader of Cyprus.
- Replaced the leaders with those that were for Enosis.
- Turkey uses 1959 Treaty of Guarantee to invade Cyprus.
- UN - 40,000 troops on the north coast.
- Thousands injured, killed, or missing
- Thousands displaced
Today

- Green Line divides the island into northern and southern Cyprus.
- Republic of Cyprus 66% of the island Greek, South
- Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus (TRNC), North
- UN buffer zone
- Pyla - mixed village where Turkish and Greek Cypriots live together
- 2003 - Opened border
- 2004 the referendum for unification was defeated
- Republic of Cyprus - European Union, while the TRNC remains unrecognized by the United Nations.
ΟΧΙ

Η ΚΕΡΥΝΕΙΑ ΔΕΝ ΕΙΝΑΙ ΓΙΑ ΠΟΥΣΚΙ
Nothing is gained.