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n. pl. phy·lae (-lē)

A large citizens' organization based on kinship, constituting the largest political subdivision of an ancient Greek city-state.

[Greek *phūlē*, tribe, phyle; see **bheua-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

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