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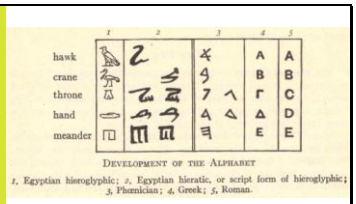

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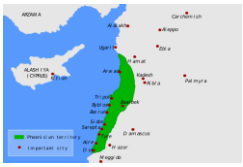
GEOGRAPHY

- Phoenicia was located between the eastern Mediterranean coast and the Lebanon Mountains



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GOVERNMENT

- Not a unified nation
- Consisted of independent city-states

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Phoenicians Were Sailors

- Sailing
  - No maps or modern technology
  - Sailed beyond Gibraltar (Pillars of Hercules)
  - Evidence that they may have circumnavigated Africa

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Phoenician Colonies

- **Sailed and colonized throughout the Mediterranean beginning circa 1000 B.C.E.**
  - Gades (Cadiz, Spain)
  - Carthage (Tunis, Tunisia)
- **Modern DNA testing links Palestinians, Lebanese, and residents of old Phoenician colonies**

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Trade

- Leading sailors and traders of ancient world
- They traded:
  - **Cloth**
  - **Dye (purple dye prized by kings, made from shellfish murex)**
  - **Glass**
  - **Pottery**
- Traded for:
  - **Tin (Britannia)**
  - **Hides, ivory, ostrich feathers, and slaves (Africa)**
  - **Gold, precious stones, and spices (India)**

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Alphabet

- Carried their civilization and culture where they traded
- Adopted and adapted Egyptian hieroglyphics into an alphabet off 22 symbols (letters) representing sounds

Development of the Alphabet

1, Egyptian hieroglyphic; 2, Egyptian hieratic, or script form of hieroglyphic; 3, Phœnician; 4, Greek; 5, Roman.

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Review Questions

- Where was Phoenicia located?
- Name two Phoenician colonies.
- Where did the Phoenicians trade?
- What is considered to be the Phoenicians' greatest contribution to the world?