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# **Early History**

- Little known about them until archaeological discoveries of early 20th century
- Migrated to Asia Minor (modern Turkey) from northern Europe circa 3000 B.C.E.



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# First Hittite Empire

- 1900 B.C.E.
- Empire stretched from Aegean Sea to Euphrates River




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## **Second Hittite Empire**

- 1500-1200 B.C.E.
- Included Asia Minor, Palestine, and Syria
- Decline and fall
- Continuous warfare with Egypt
- 1200 B.C.E. conquered by northern barbarians
- Eventually absorbed by Assyria



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### **Economy**

- Link between Mesopotamia and western Asia
- Had monopoly on Armenian and European metals for hundreds of years
- Developed iron for tools and weapons
- Wealth from trade of gold, iron, lead, and silver
- Trade shown in numerous excavated clay tablets

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### Government

- Ruled by a king
- Heavily fortified city walls
- Written laws show Babylonian influence




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### Art

- Crude
- Stone lions at city entrances
- Carvings of animals and warriors



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## **Review Questions**

- Where was the Hittite empire located?
- What major contribution did the Hittites make to military warfare and world civilization?
- Describe the decline and fall of the Hittite empire.
- Describe Hittite art.



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