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Early History

Small states throughout Asia Minor following fall of the Hittites

10th century B.C.E. – dominated western Asia Minor (modern-day Turkey)

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- 400 years of prosperity
 Mineral wealth
 Especially gold and electrum
 Electrum mixture of gold and silver found in riverbeds
- Conquered by Persians (547 B.C.E.)

Slide 4 **Lydians Coined Money** Before the Lydians, goods had to be traded for other goods Only thing close to money were lumps of gold and silver, which had to be repeatedly weighed and tested for purity Lydians made standard-sized pieces of gold and silver and stamped them with their value Use of money spread quickly Helped to spread international trade Slide 5 Government Capital – Sardis – trading center Ruled by a king Most famous king was Croesus – "as rich as Croesus" Slide 6

Review Questions Where was Lydia located? What are the Lydians credited with inventing? What Lydian king is world-famous for his wealth?