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Phoenicia was a country in the area now known as some of the coastal area of Lebanon, Syria, and Israel. Before 1000 B.B, the Phoenicians had developed colonies and trade ports. Phoenicia was not a single nation. It consisted of city-states such as Byblos, Tyre, and Sidon. The Phoenicians kept their sailing directions a well guarded trade secret. This is why we do not know more about their voyages.

Carthage was a city-state in North Africa founded by the Phoenicians. They sailed the western coast of Africa as far a Sierra Leone. Their most famous navigator was a man named Hanno. He lived in about 500 B.C.

The Greeks were very active in the Mediterranean. Their colonies were as far west France. The historian Herodotus, of the 400's B.C., was among the first to write about seafarers at the time of their discoveries. He kept a record of the war between the Greeks and Persians.



Read each sentence below. Fill in the missing word. Write them on the line.

1. Carthage was founded by the _____.
2. The _____ were active in the Mediterranean.
3. The Phoenicians famous navigator was _____.
4. Phoenicians had developed colonies and _____ ports.
5. Phoenicians kept a record of the war between the Greeks and _____.

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Books about explorations written by the actual travelers include "The Book of Roger," "Description Of The World," and "Rihla (Journey)."



"The Book of Roger," was written about the travels of al-Idrisi in the 1100's. It covered his years of travel throughout the Middle East. Most of the material was about the geography of the known world. He wrote it while a guest at the court of King Roger of Sicily. It was published in 1154.



Marco Polo of Venice wrote "Description Of The World." Marco had gone to China as a teenager with his father and uncle in 1271. Marco spent many years as an ambassador for the Mongol Emperor Kublai Khan. After Kublai Khan's death, Marco returned to Venice. Marco Polo was arrested as a spy on his return in 1295. While a prisoner, he dictated an account of his adventures in China and Asia. Upon his release, it was published.

Rihla was written by Ibn Battuta. For 25 years, he traveled in India, China, and western Africa. His book was published sometime in the 1360's.

Information about new countries and ways of life was also obtained by religious travelers. These men were on pilgrimages or on missions for their ruler or church. Since many priests, friars, and monks were literate (able to read and write), they furnished accurate reports of their travels.

Write the definition for each word below.

1. geography _____

2. pilgrimage _____

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Criss Cross

Can you fit these words into the criss cross?
Use a pencil so you can erase if you need to.

voyage
natives

oceans
explore

war
king

queen
land

