

Vandals (Barbarians)

Background: Originally from central Europe, the Vandals first emigrated to Gaul to escape war with the Goths and the Lombards. In A.D. 409, to escape total defeat by the Franks, they fled from Gaul and crossed the Pyrenees into Spain. Twenty years later the Vandals were invited by the count of Africa, who was having a quarrel with his government in Rome, to settle in his province. The governor soon found that the Vandals were to be feared more than the Romans and asked them to leave. In ten years the Vandals proceeded to conquer most of North Africa for themselves. Although the Vandals were not as vicious as the Huns, the term “vandal” came to mean one who destroys precious things.

What To Do: You are responsible for accomplishing two very important military objectives. First, use the minimum number of your eight tribes (each tribe represents 1,000 warriors) to conquer the province of Africa. Second, devote the remainder of your tribes to defeating one of the Roman leaders. (Note: If you find that after conquering Africa there are not any Roman leaders left to defeat, try to conquer as many of the other provinces in the Empire as you can.) Finally, if you feel that you have a strong enough military force, you might try to conquer one of the other barbarian groups and take possession of that barbarian’s trade tokens.



Cut out these tokens and trade them for goods from other provinces.

