

Province of Africa

Resources: One of Africa's most important resources was ivory. Most of this ivory came from the tusks of elephants, but additional tusks were obtained from the hippopotamus and the wild boar. The Romans used ivory for statuettes, combs, jewelry, and to decorate caskets. Ivory was very popular among wealthy Romans because it was considered a symbol of prestige.

What To Do: You are responsible for accomplishing one very important goal. You must secure military protection before the second phase of this activity begins by agreeing to trade some of your ivory for at least one cohort (about 600 soldiers) of the Roman army. Unfortunately, you will have to give up two tokens of ivory for each Roman cohort stationed in your province. Remember: Without the protection of the Roman army, you are too weak to survive on your own, and you would rather live under the "civilized" leadership of the Roman emperor than be conquered by a "ruthless" group of barbarians. Therefore, be very assertive in your efforts to trade with the Romans.



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

