

Province of Asia Minor

Resources: One of Asia Minor’s most important resources was silk cloth. During ancient times the secret process of making silk was possessed only by the Chinese, but silk cloths were rewoven in Asia Minor. Silk was prized by the Romans as a precious and luxurious fiber. Also, because of its delicate appearance and draping quality, wealthy Roman women loved to dress in silk cloth.

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 silk cloth for at least one cohort (about 600 soldiers) of the Roman army. Unfortunately, you will have to give up two tokens of silk cloth 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.

