

Province of Egypt

Resources: One of Egypt's most important resources was wheat. The Romans referred to Egypt as the "breadbasket" of their empire. Wheat was the basic ingredient in making bread, and bread was one of the most important foods consumed by the Romans. Indeed, the threat of a bread riot among the homeless in the city of Rome forced the emperor to make sure an adequate supply of wheat was always on hand.

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

