

Province of Mauretania

Resources: One of Mauretania’s most important resources was salt, which the Romans referred to as natrium. (Modern scientists often use the abbreviation “NaCl” when writing lab reports involving sodium chloride—table salt.) The Romans used salt to preserve and flavor food. They also needed to include salt in their diets to replace the salt lost through perspiration.

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

