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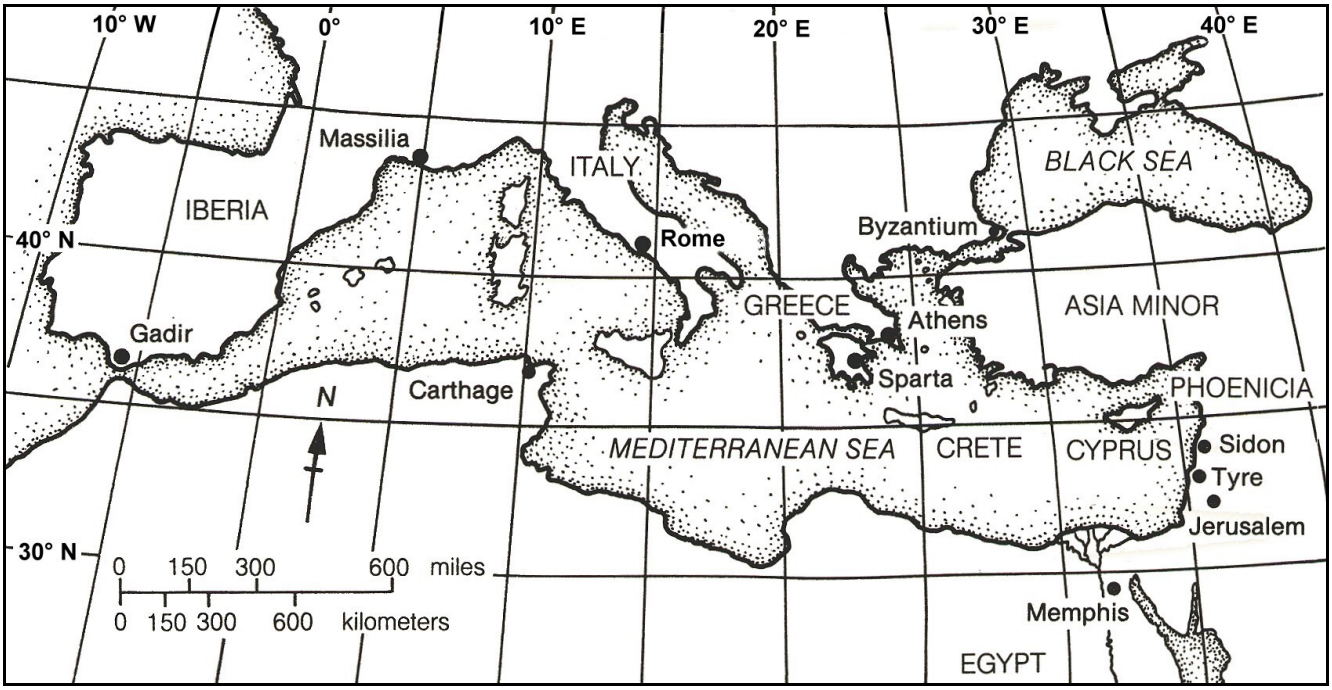
Finding Absolute and Relative Location

Every place on earth has two locations—an absolute location and a relative location. Absolute location is determined by using the grid system and is described by using latitude and longitude coordinates.

Relative location is the location of one place in relation to another. It is described by using cardinal or intermediate directions such as north or southwest.

On the map below of the Mediterranean world around 500 B.C. For example, the absolute location of Byzantium is 41° N, 29° E. Its location relative to Athens is northeast.

The Mediterranean World Around 500 B.C.



1. What is the absolute location of Carthage? of Tyre?

2. What city is located at 43° N, 5° E? At 29° N, 32° E?

3. Where is the island of Cyprus located in relation to mainland Greece?

4. What is the one settlement on this map that is in west longitude? How do you know?

5. Using an absolute and a relative location, what would you tell a person from Sparta who wanted to know where Jerusalem was located?