

The Greeks

colonise the mediterranean



Introduction

From the 8th century BC, many greeks left his polis to found new cities in the mediterranean and black sea.



Reasons of emigration:

The Greek coastline and islands meant greeks were expert sailors .
The sea was always the principal line to travel, and that's facilitated emigration.
Also many Greeks abandoned the polis due a increase of population.



Greek colonies

The Greeks looked for places to establish new colonies where they cultivated, traded and extracted raw materials. They chose places that had good access from the sea and were easy to defend.

The most important areas were Italy, the Iberian Peninsula and black sea.

Greek Colonisation



Before leaving

The Greeks consulted the gods before starting travelling. They only set off on their voyage if they receive a positive signal.



The voyage

They traveled on boats. They practised cabotage, which means than they sailed close to the coast. They only crossed the sea when it was necessary.



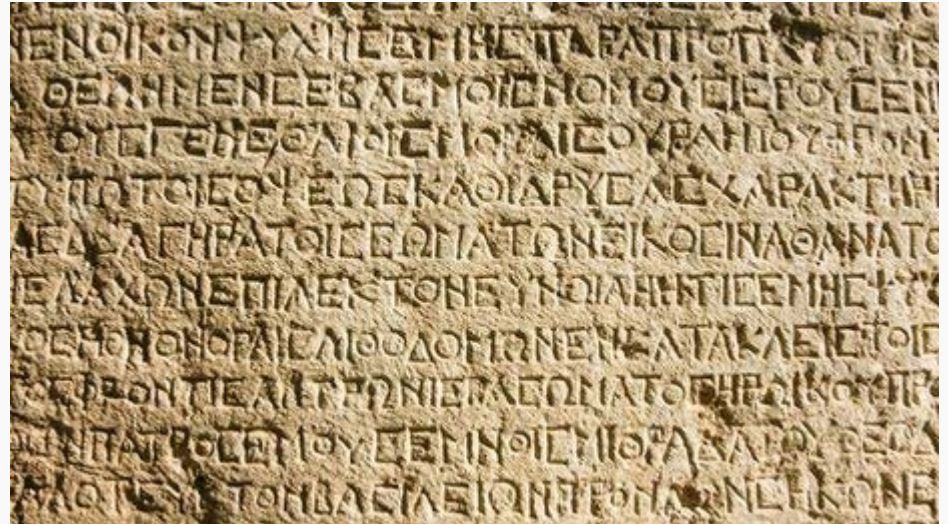
Founding a colony

When they found a good place they disembarked and founded the new city. The colonies were independent of the polis. They lived from agriculture, fishing and trade.



Vocabulary in Greek

- Sea: θάλασσα
- Colony: αποικεια
- Boat: καραβη
- God: θεω ς



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