

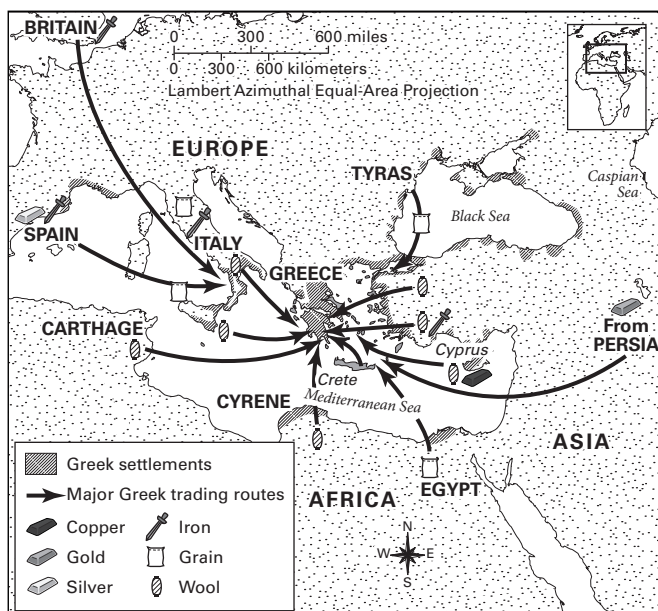
## Map Titles and Symbols

**What is it?** The **title** tells you the subject of a map. **Symbols** on a map represent different types of information. Symbols include shapes, colors, and lines. Shapes such as stars can stand for capital cities. Lines can represent borders, highways, and rivers. Areas of colors symbolize regions, such as green for forests. A **legend** lists the symbols on a map in a box and explains what they mean. A map legend is also called a **map key**.

**How to do it.** Read the map title first. Ask yourself what part of the world the map shows. The title should also tell what type of information the map shows, such as time period, routes, products, population, or climate.

Now look at the map itself. Match up each symbol with its explanation in the legend. Then look at the map as a whole. In your own words, summarize the information that the map presents.

### Ancient Greek Trading Routes, About 500 B.C.E.



**Try it.** Use the map title and legend to answer the following questions.

1. What is the subject of this map? What period of time does it show?
2. What do the heavy solid lines on the map stand for?
3. What do the shaded areas represent?
4. Which product came from both Egypt and Tyras?
5. Which product came only from Persia?