

CHURCH HISTORY LITERACY

Who Was Boethius and Why Do We Care?

Lesson 35

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Anicius Manlius Severinus Boethius

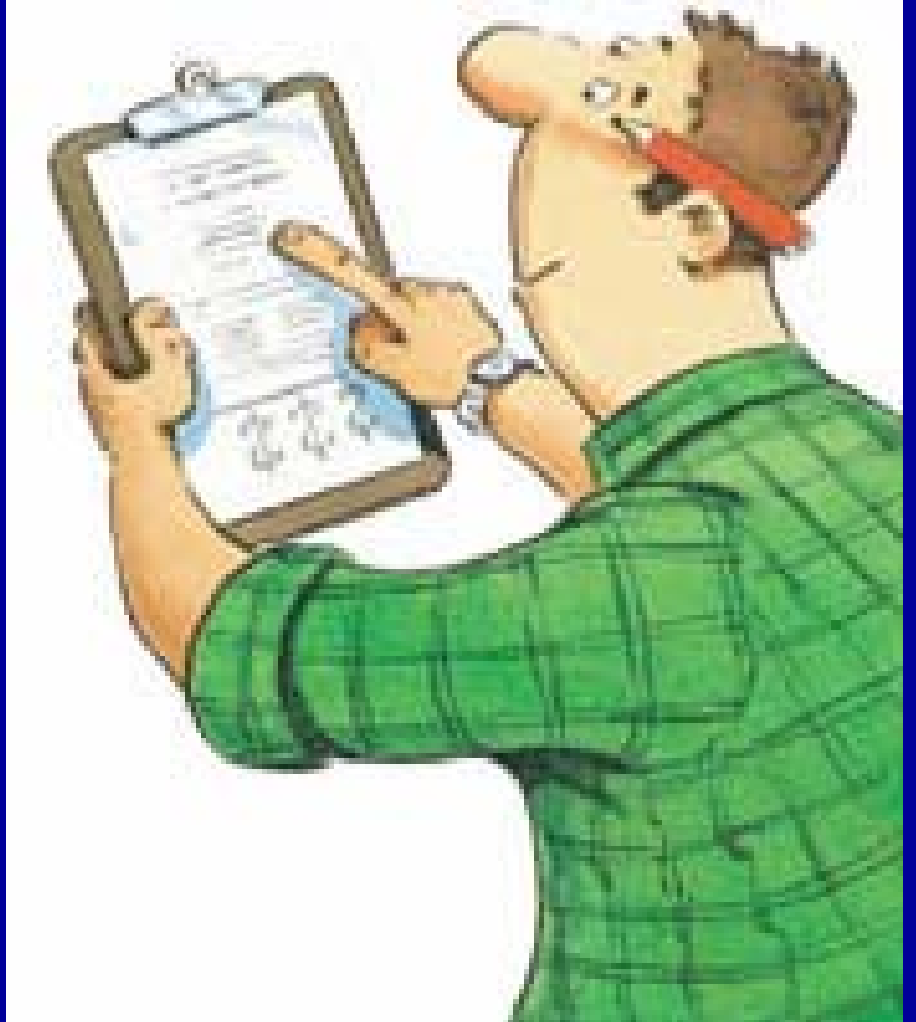
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Membership in the “International Boethius Society”?

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Subscription to *Carmina
Philosophiae*? (The
interdisciplinary journal
devoted to the study of
Boethius)



When did
Boethius live?



When did
Boethius live?

The
importance
of Boethius



When did
Boethius live?

What
happened to
Boethius?

The
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When did
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When did
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Politics



When did
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Politics

Church
Doctrine



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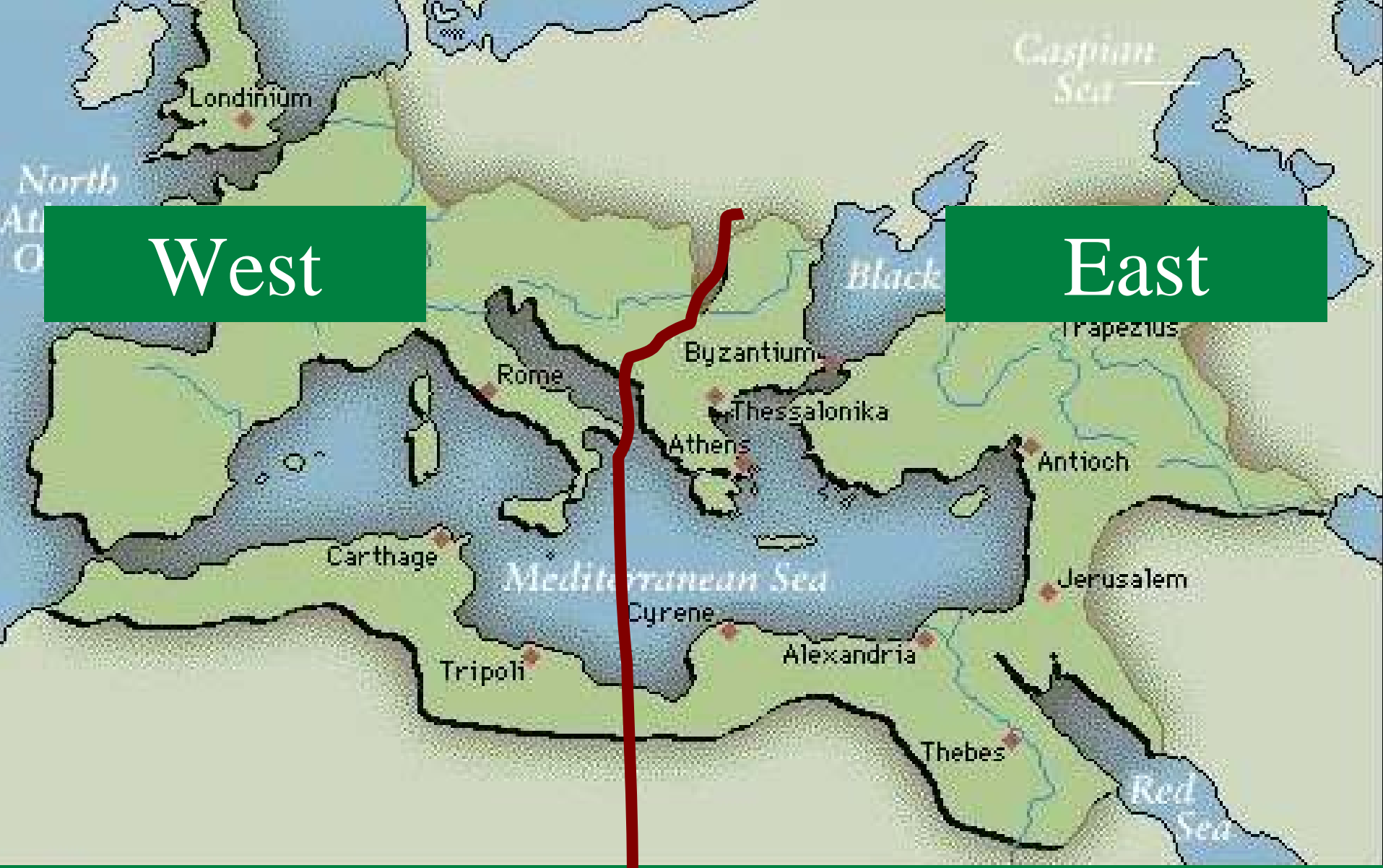


Politics



East

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West

East

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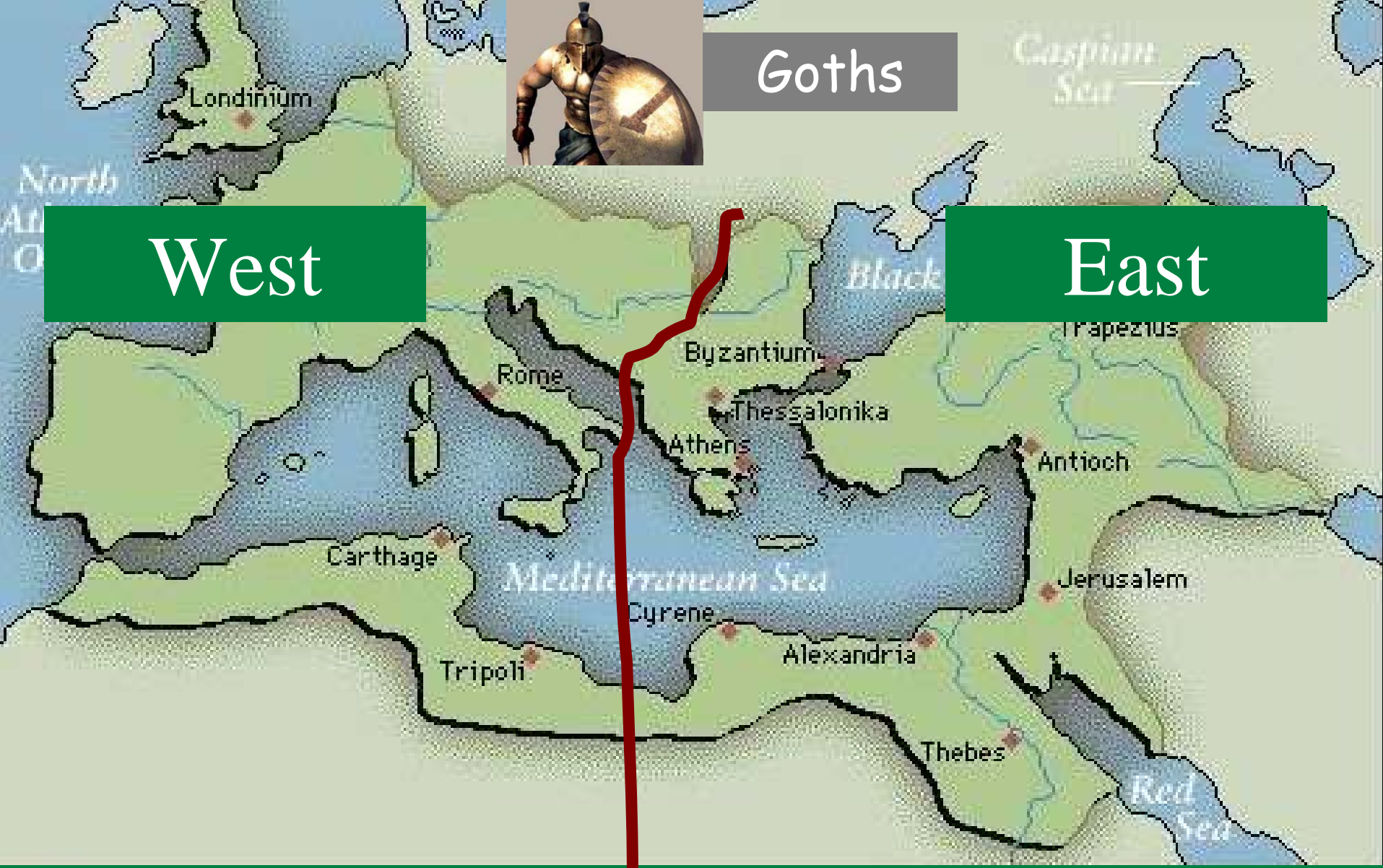


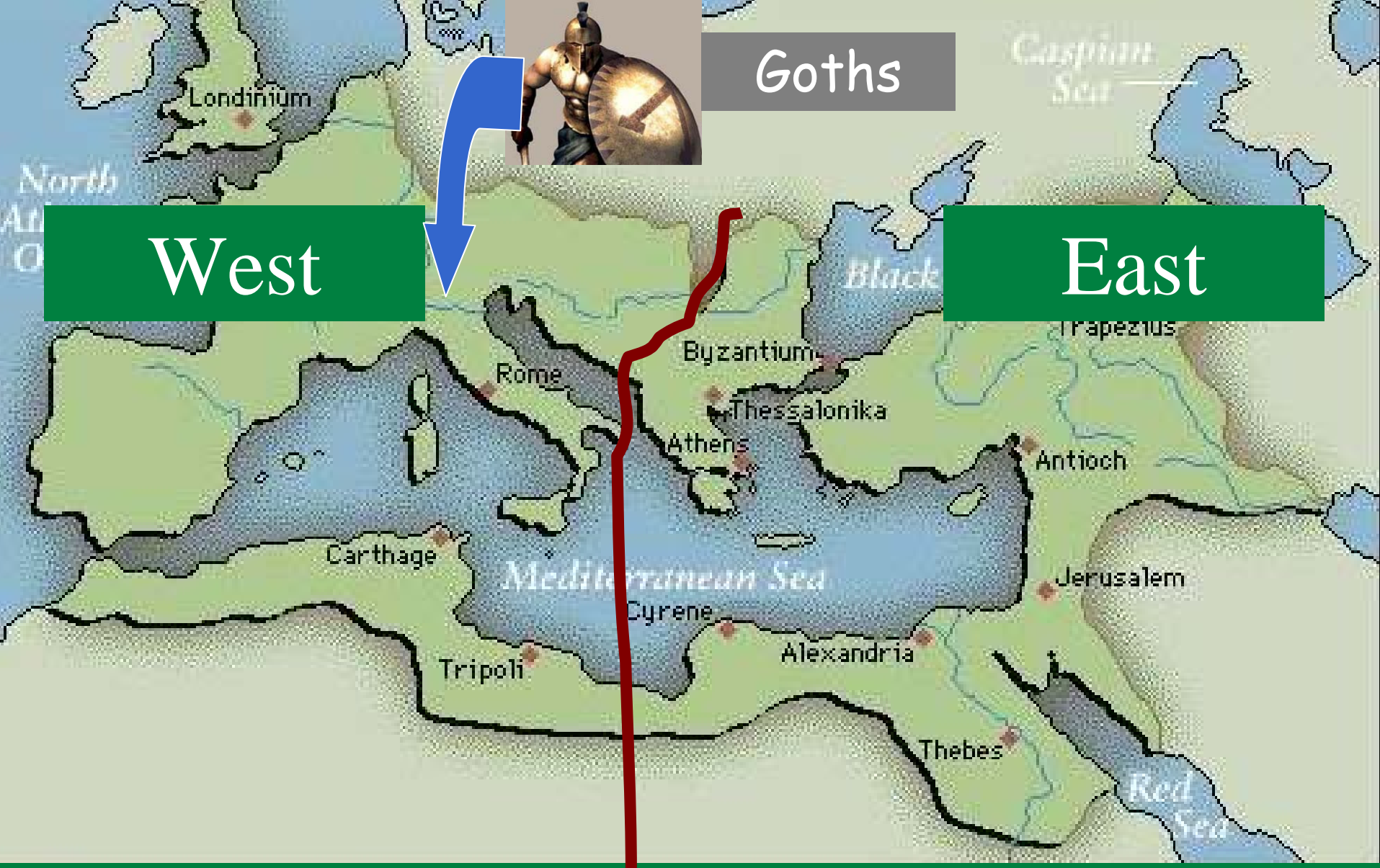
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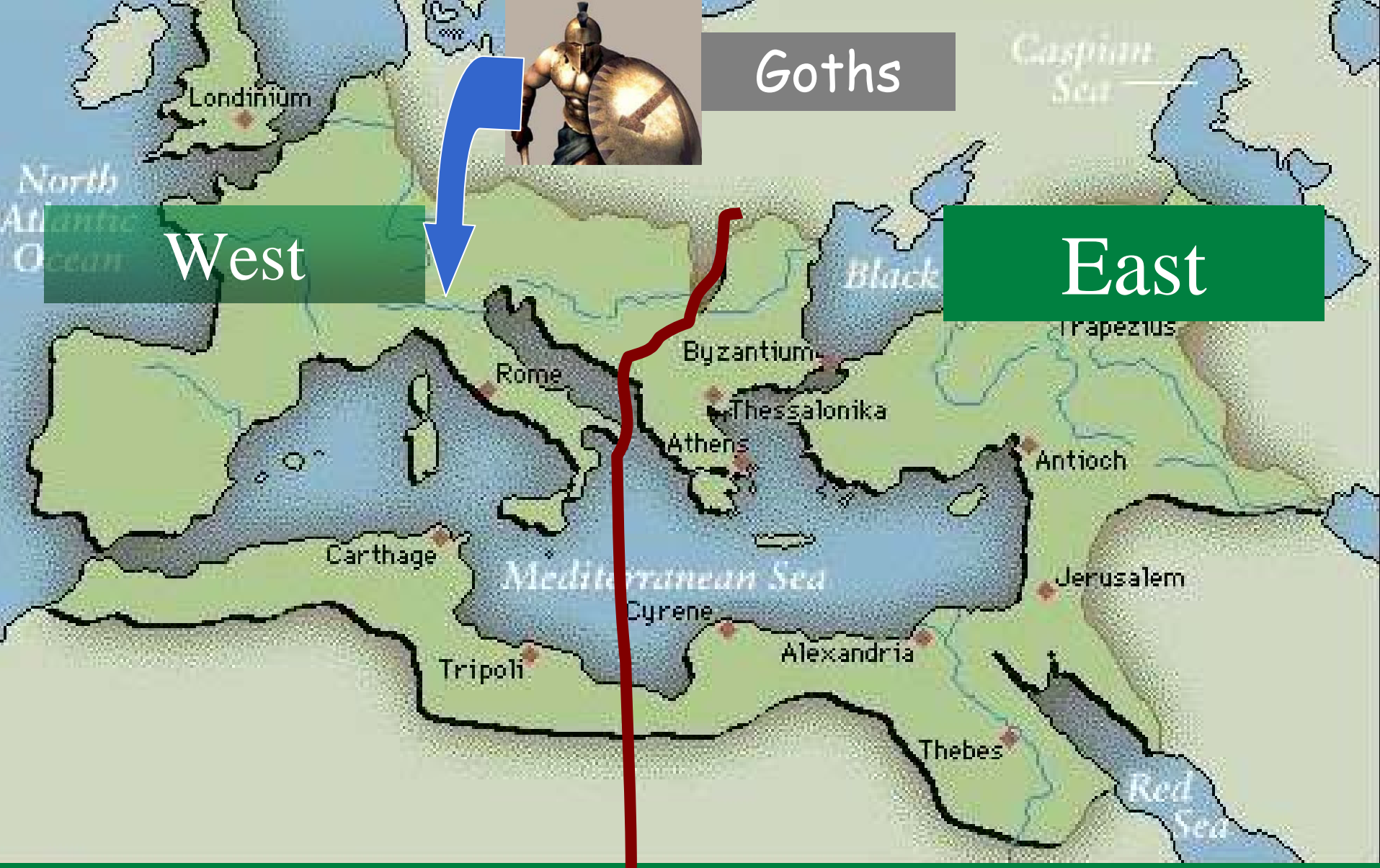


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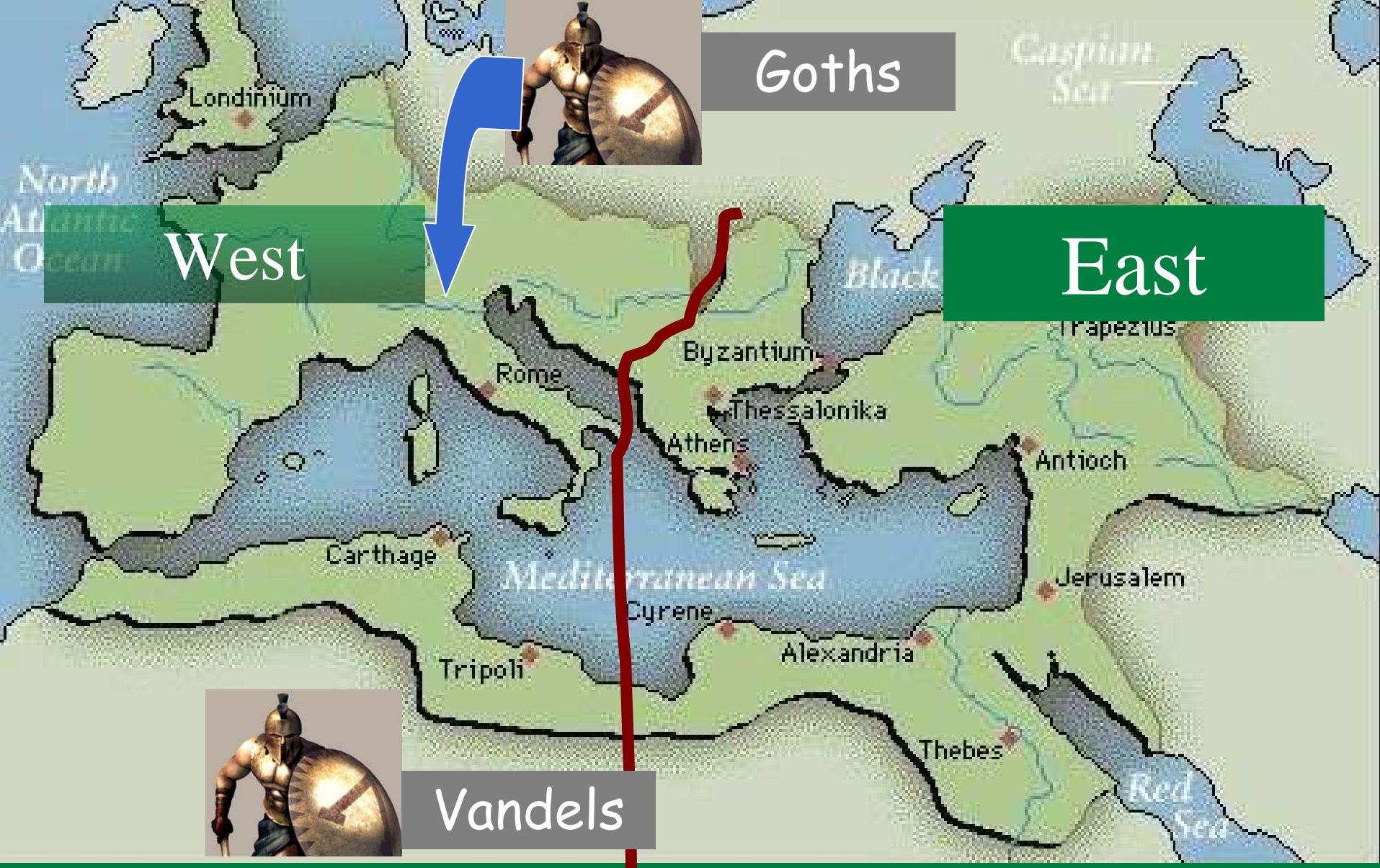


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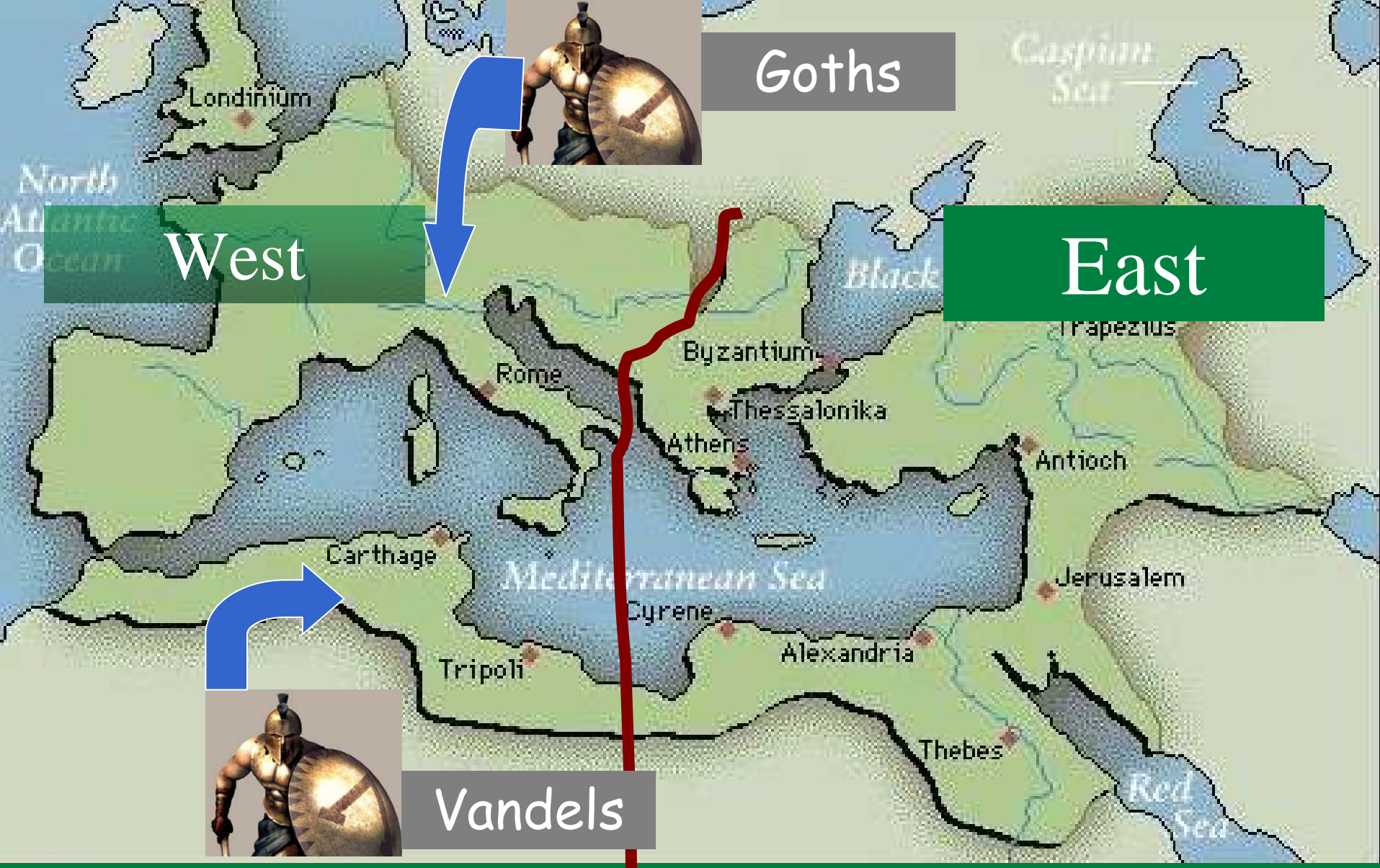
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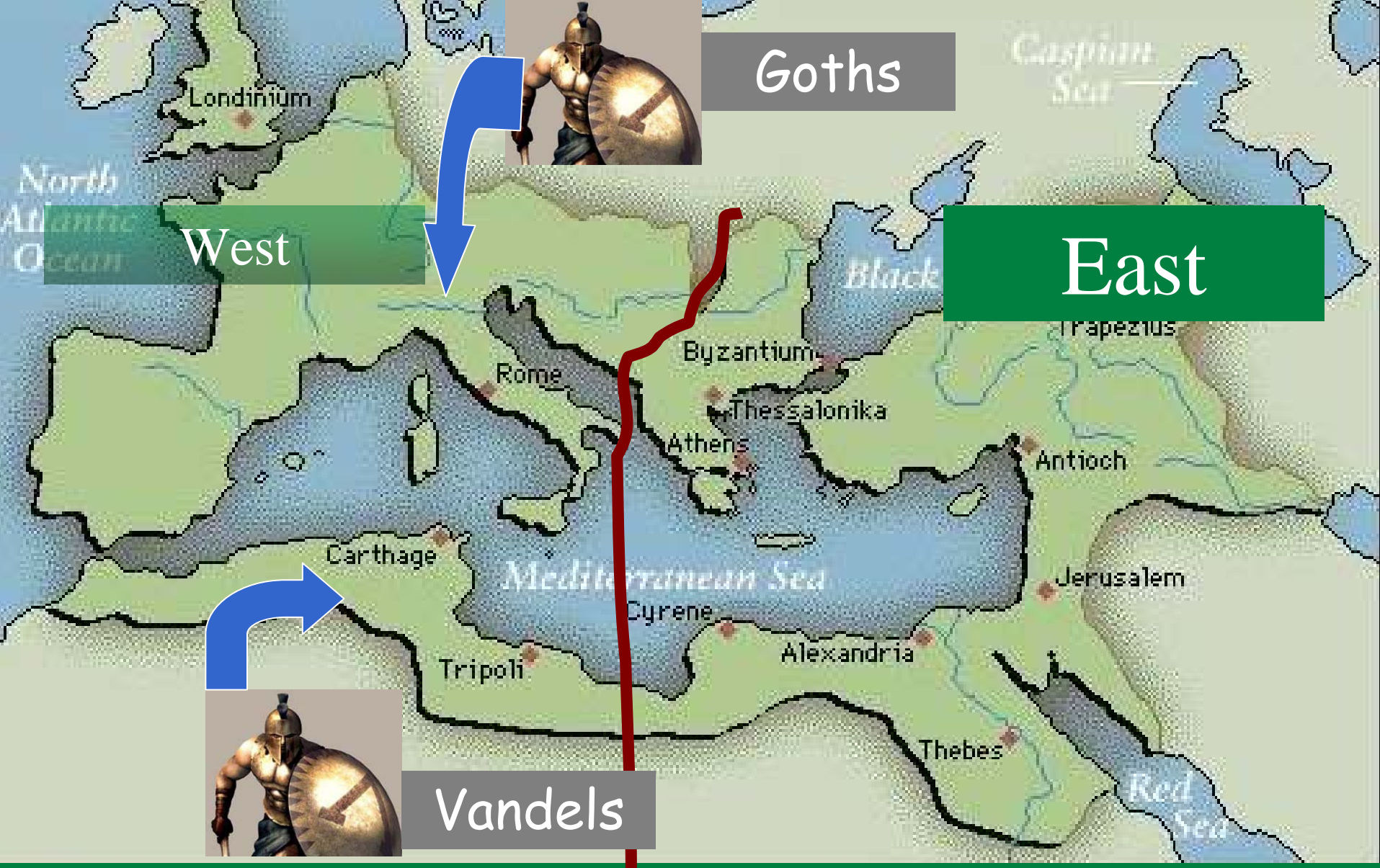
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Goths

Londinium

Caspian Sea

North Atlantic Ocean

West

East

Black

Trapezium

Byzantium

Rome

Thessalonika

Athens

Antioch

Carthage

Mediterranean Sea

Jerusalem

Cyrene

Alexandria

Tripoli

Thebes

Red Sea

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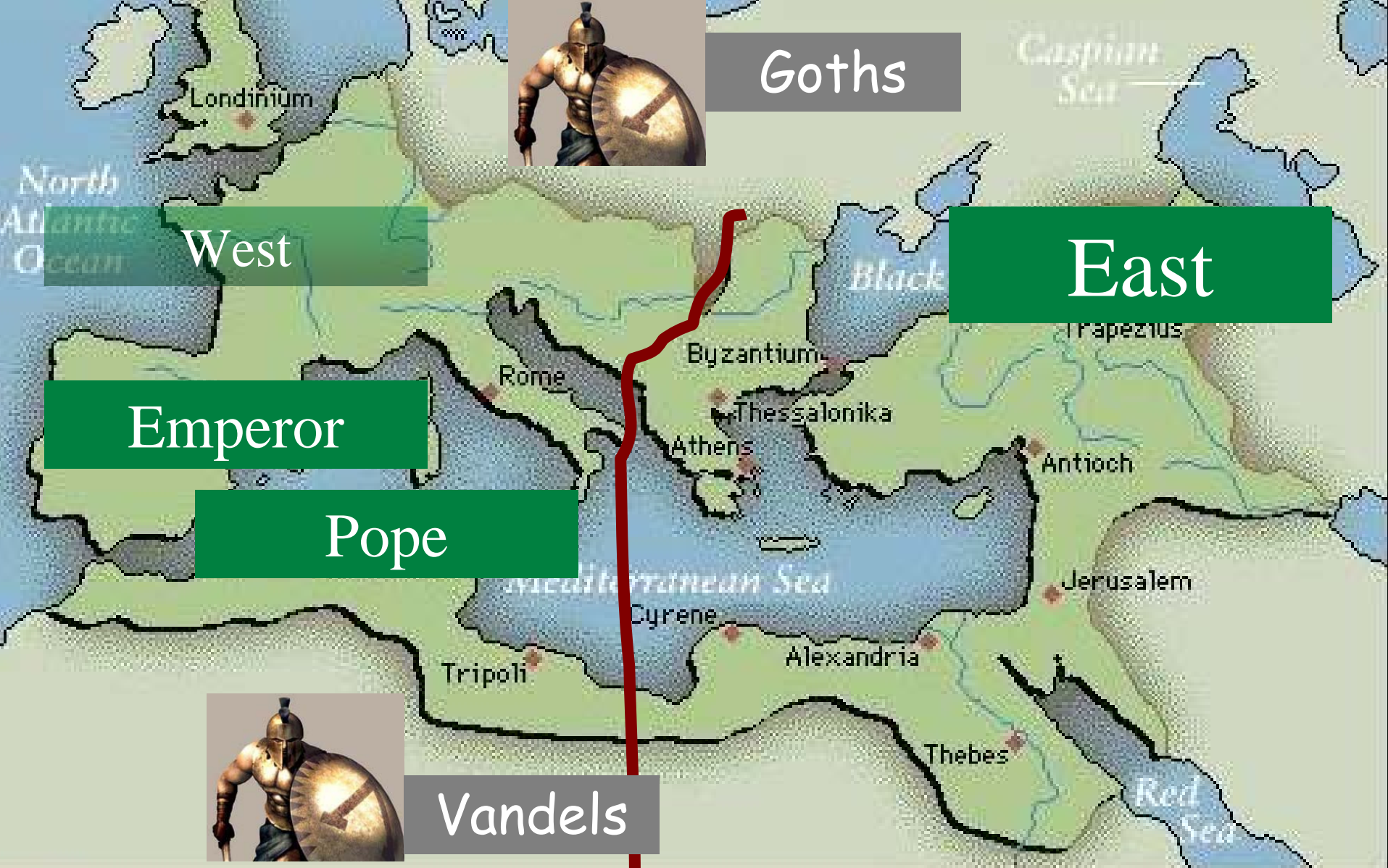
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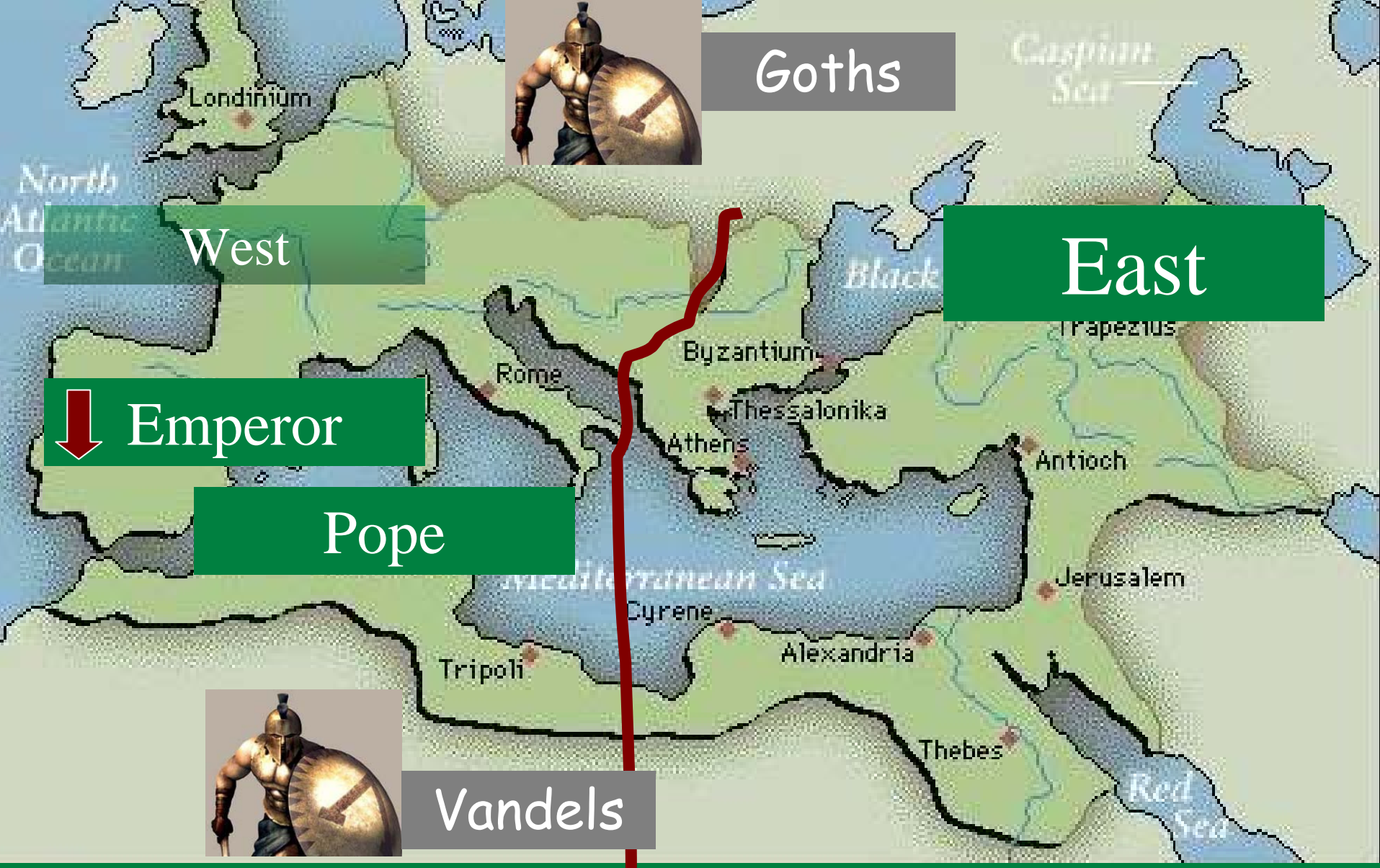
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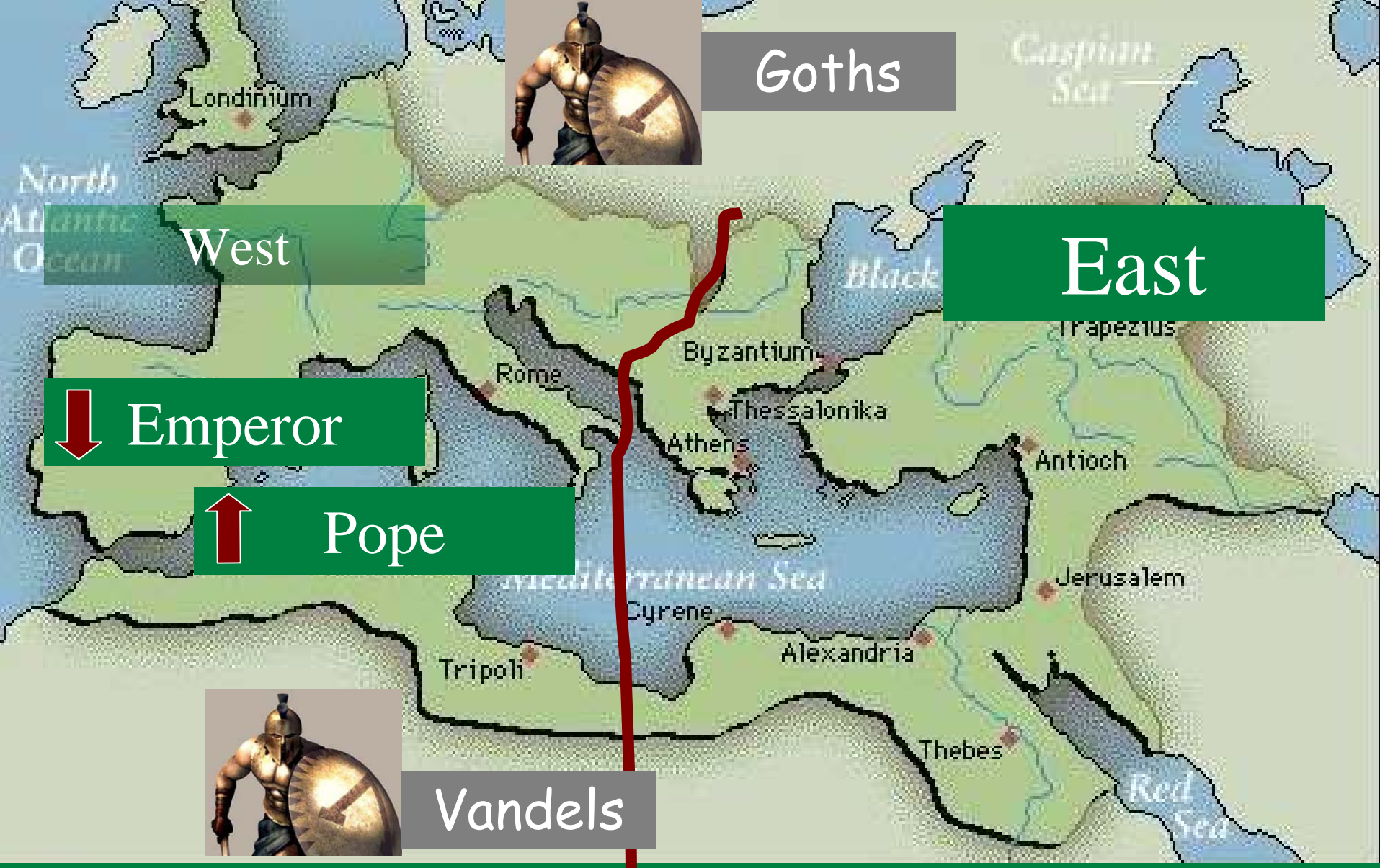
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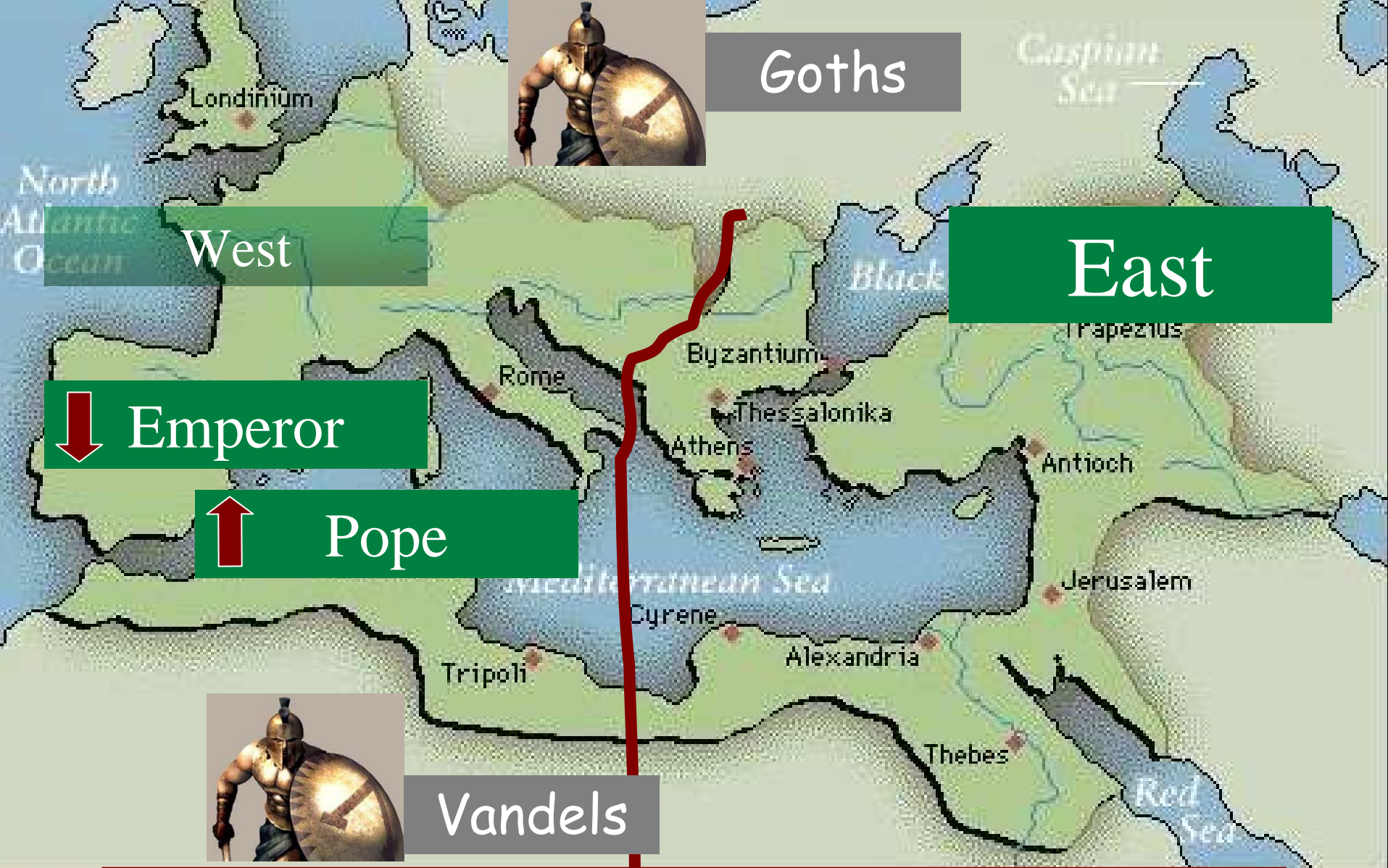
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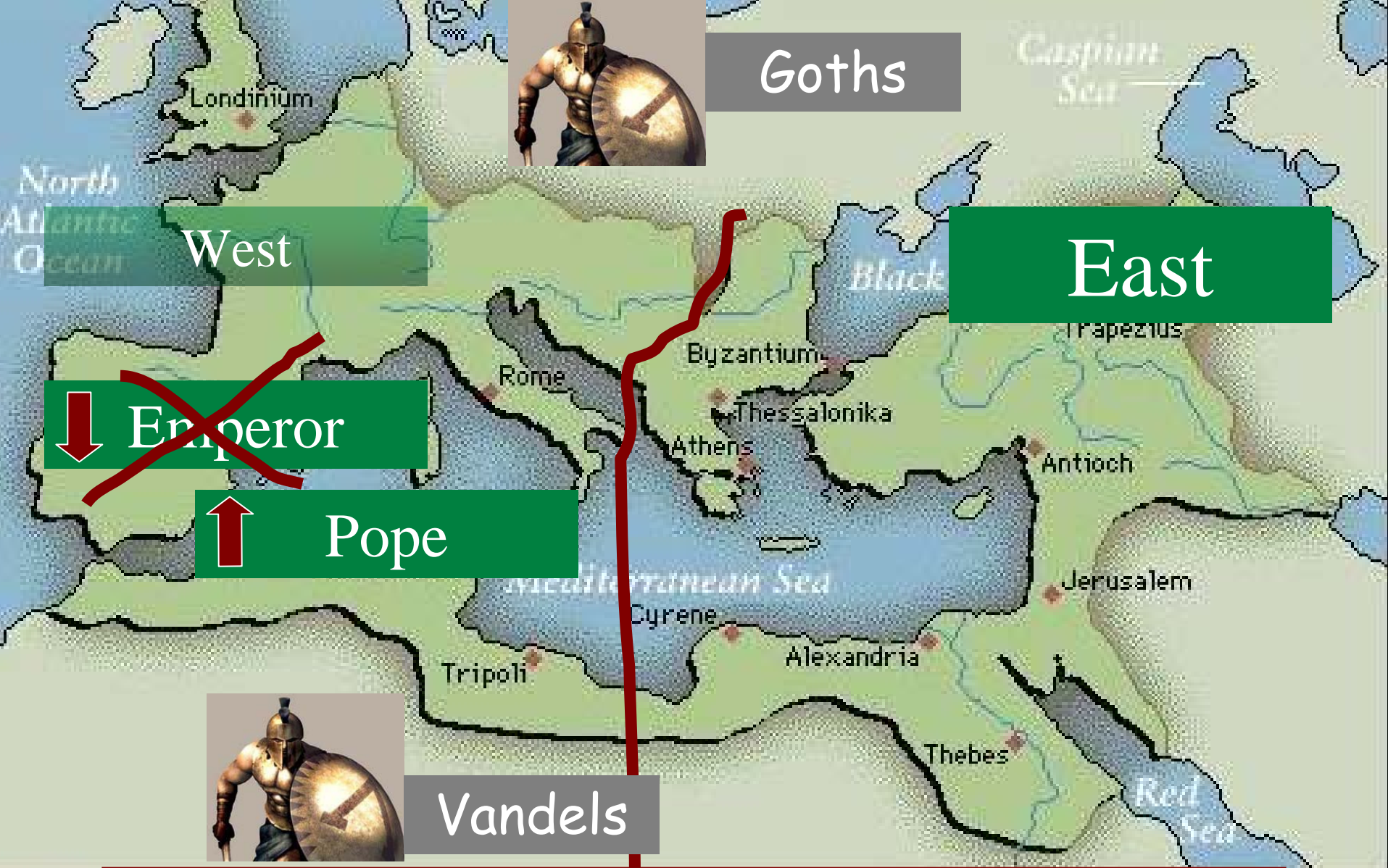
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Politics - *By 476*



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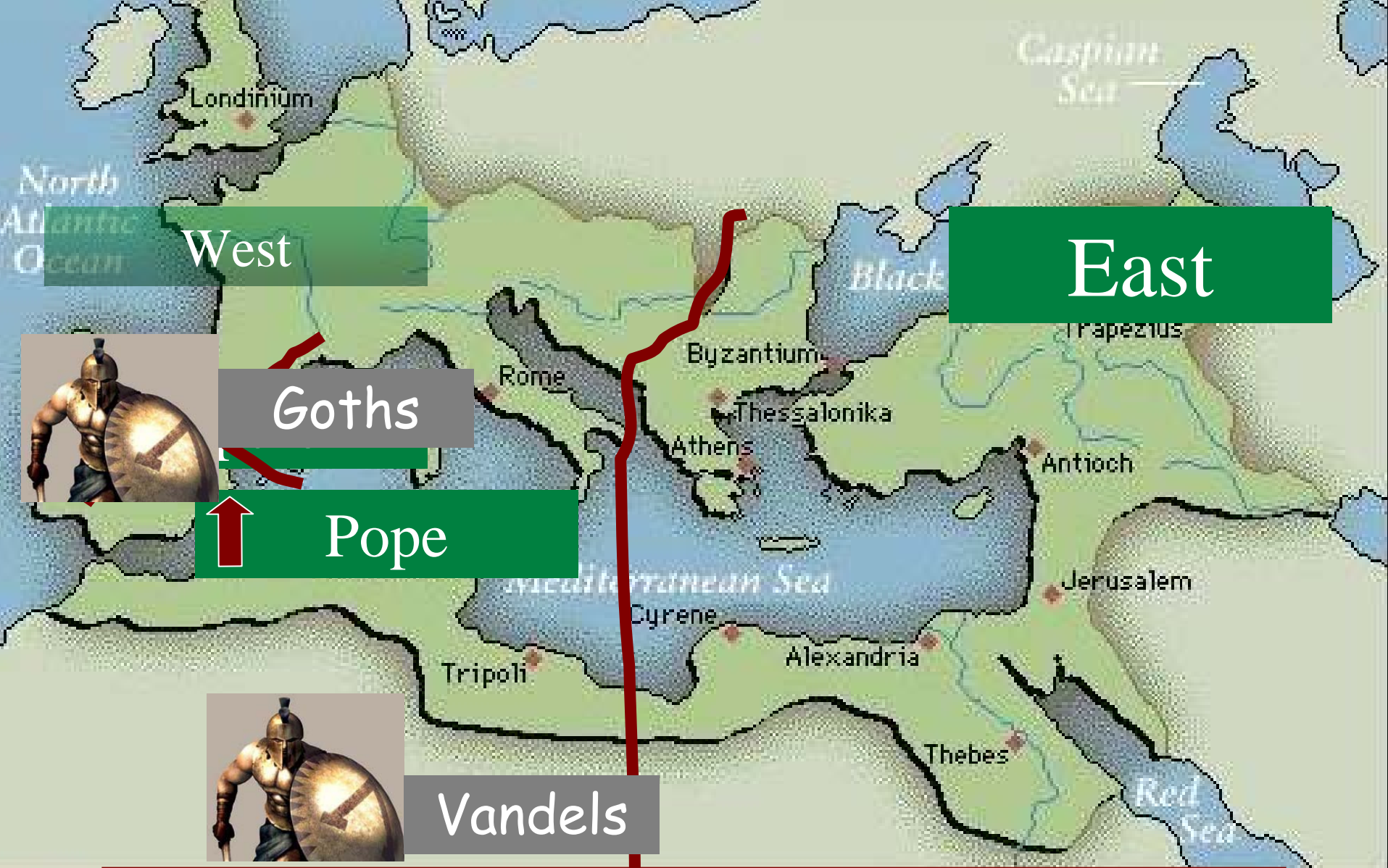
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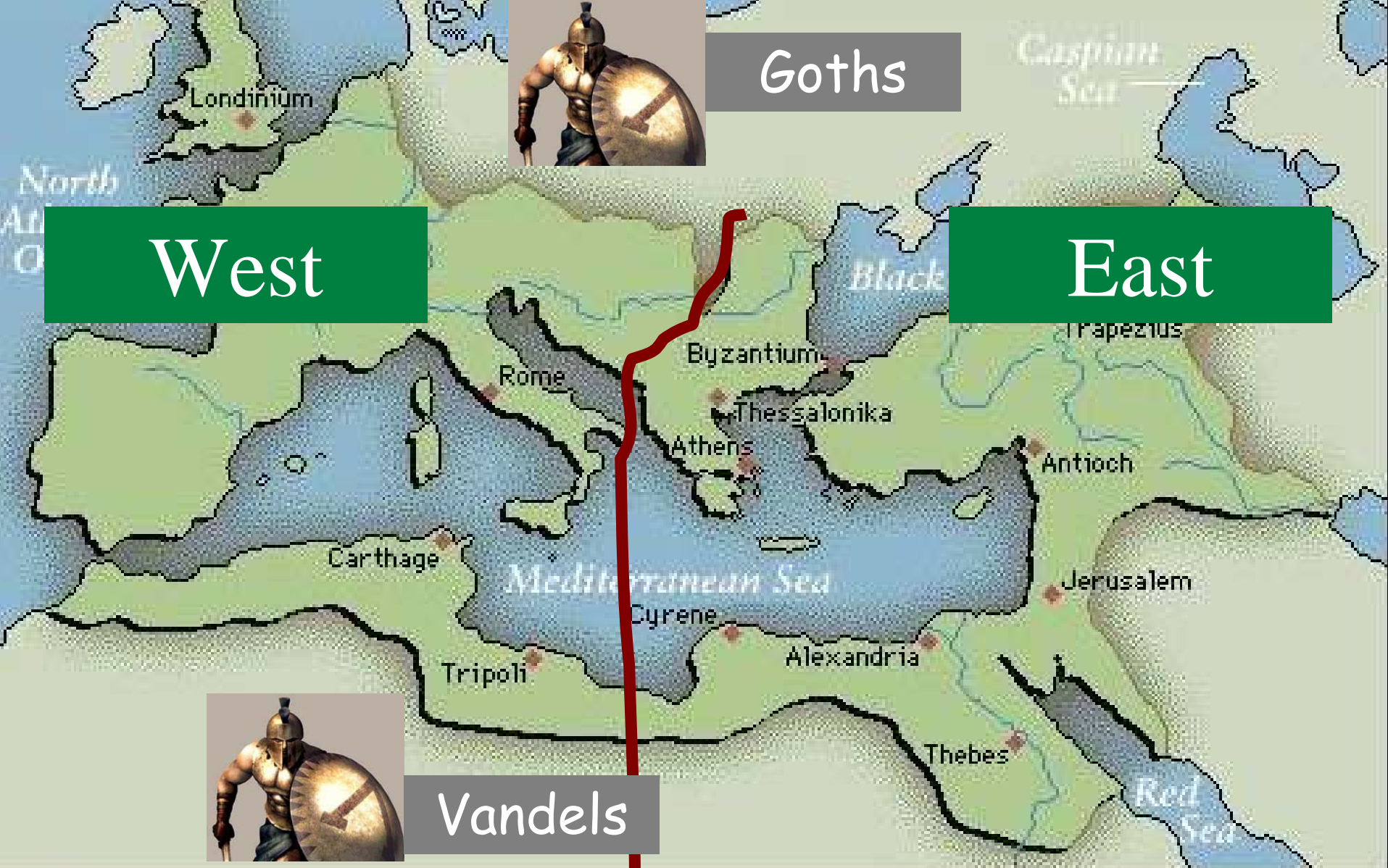


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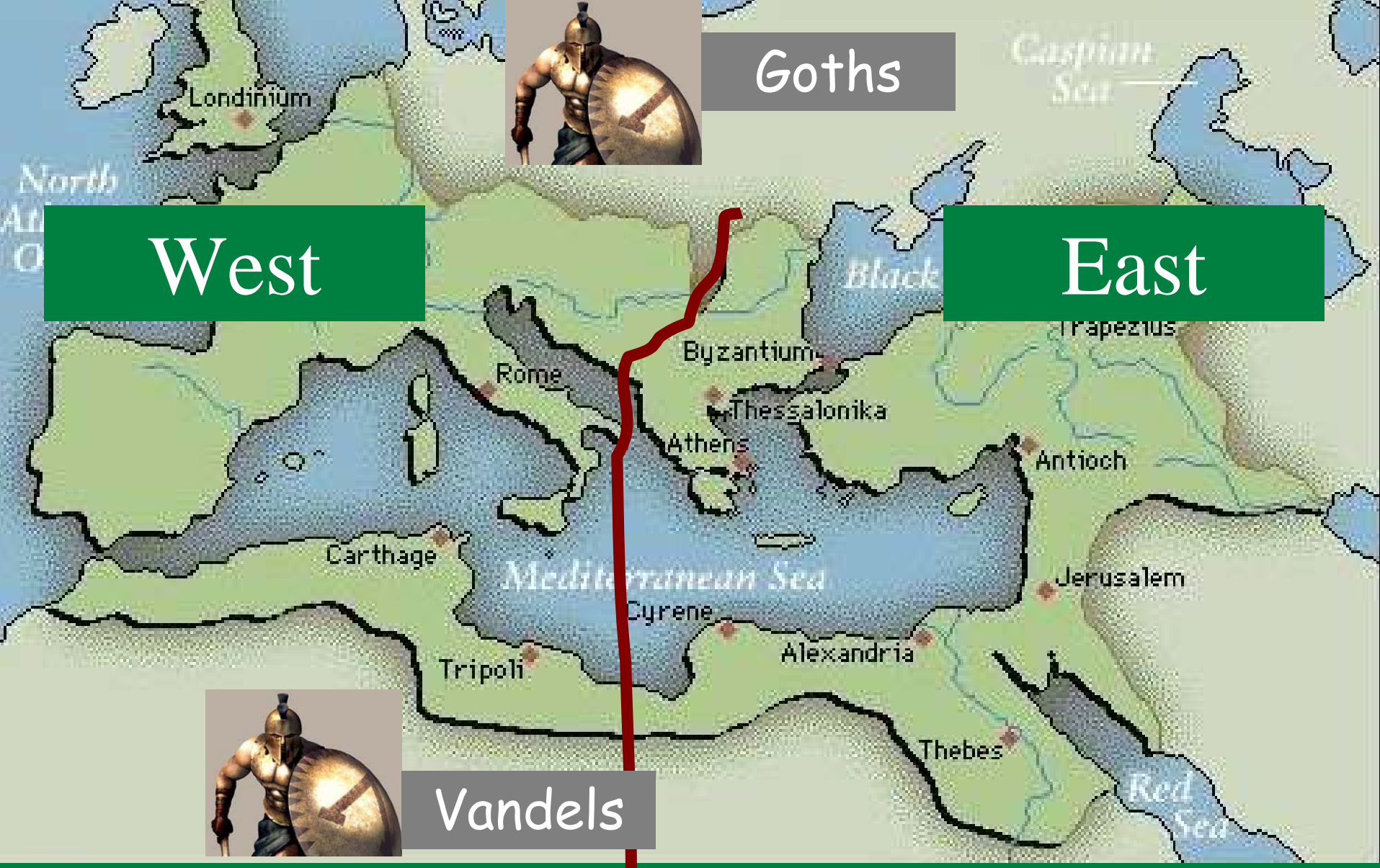
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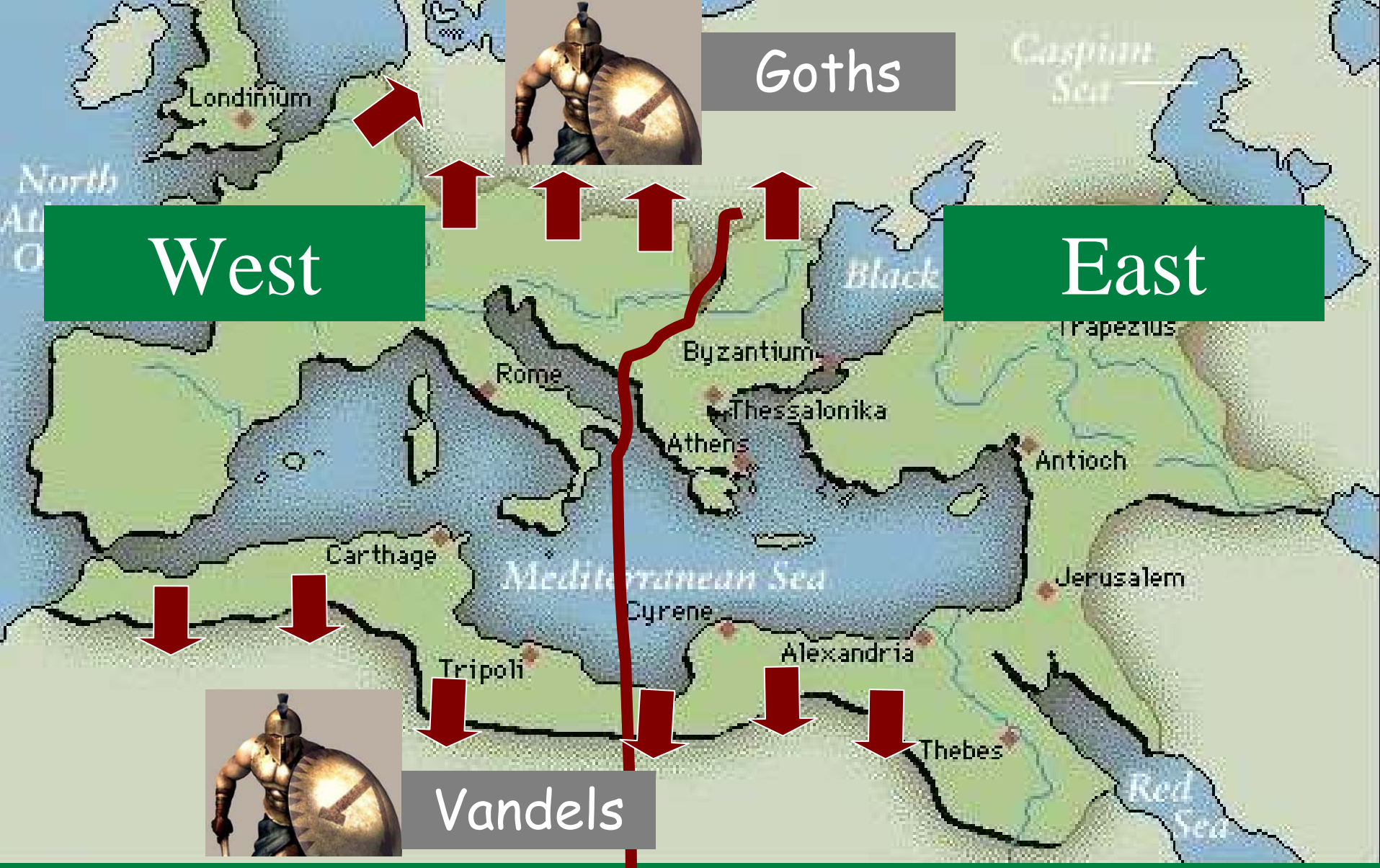
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Doctrine - Remember Arians?



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Doctrine - Remember Arians?



Goths

Arians

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Arians

Doctrine - Remember Arians?



Goths

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Politics and Doctrine - 480



Goths
Theoderic

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Politics and Doctrine - 480



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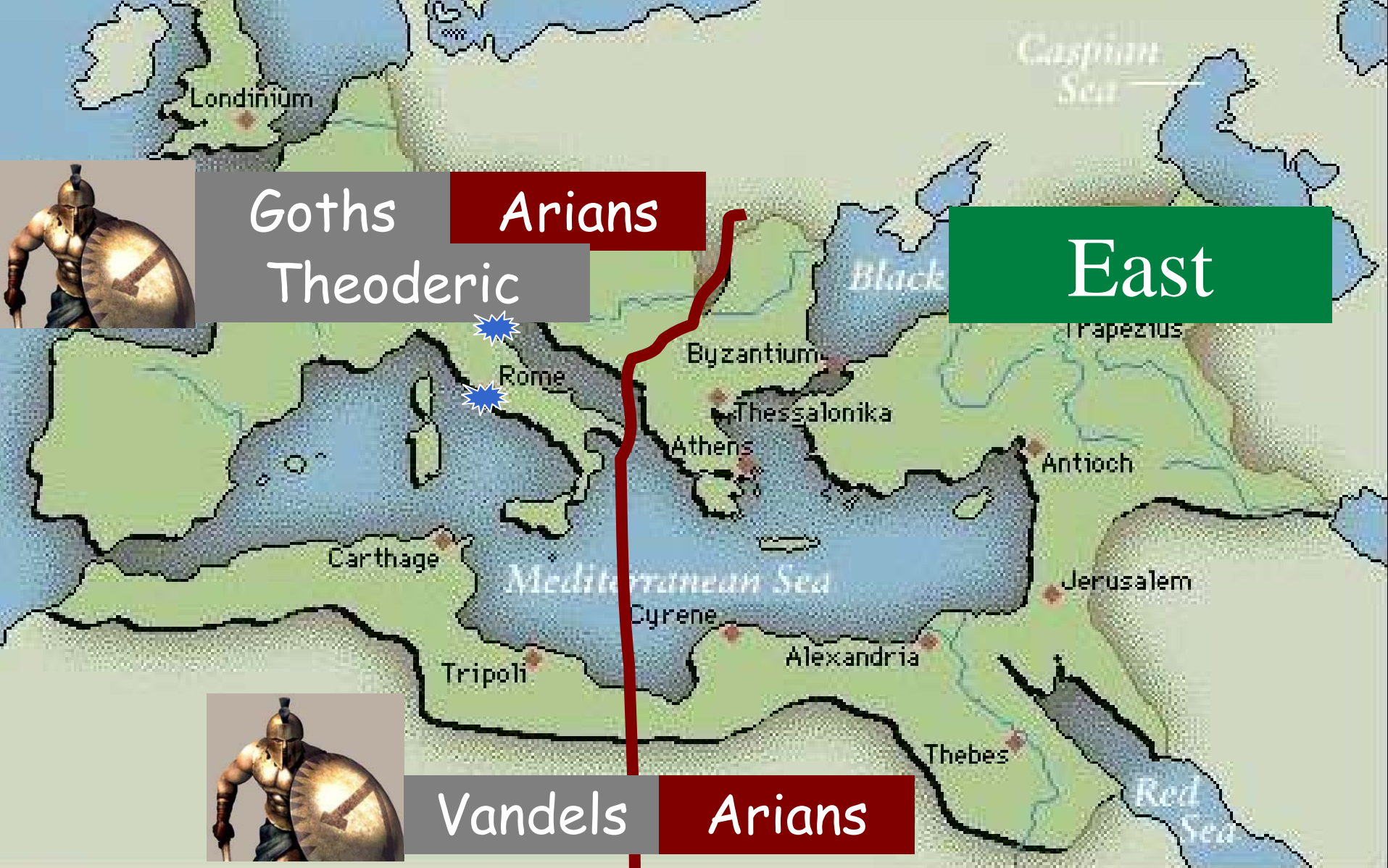
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Politics and Doctrine - 480



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Boethius is born c.480



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Father dies when c.7 years old

Great Education

Career Took Off



Great Education

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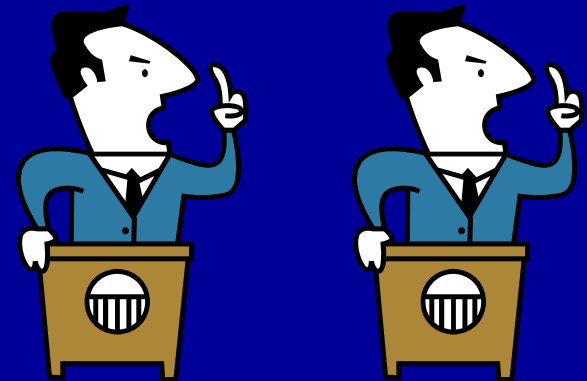


20's Becomes
Consul of Rome



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2 Sons Grow up
Great





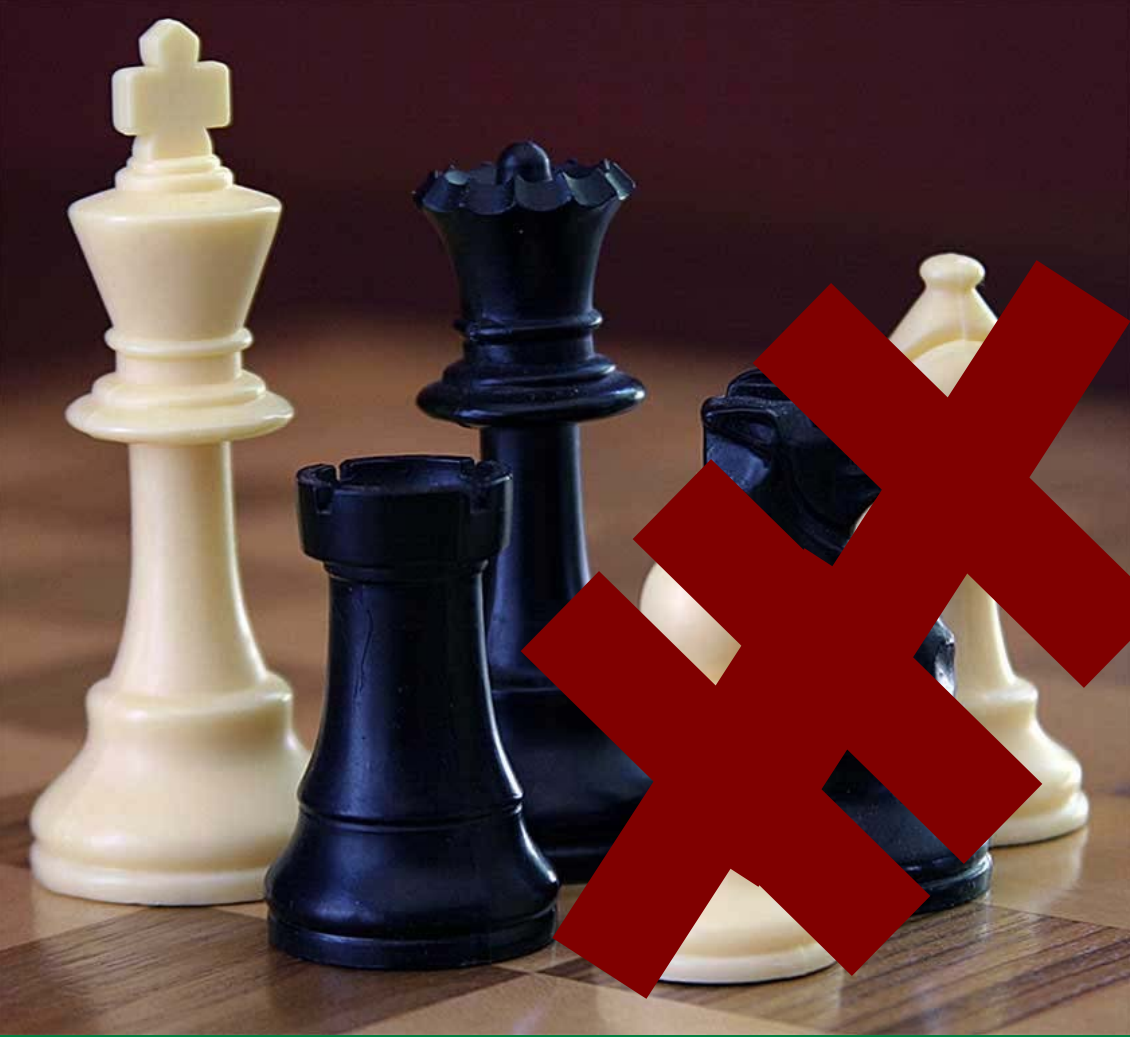














“Master of Offices”





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- Palace Discipline



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- King’s Intermediary



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Boethius wrote out of a
need to educate others



Boethius:



Boethius:

- Translates Aristotle



Boethius:

- Translates Aristotle
- Writes on Math



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- Writes on Music



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- Writes on Geometry



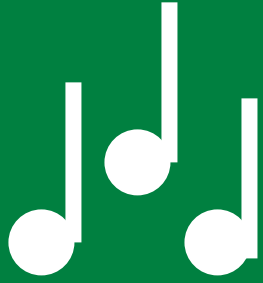
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- Translates Aristotle
- Writes on Math
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- Writes on Geometry
- Writes on Astronomy

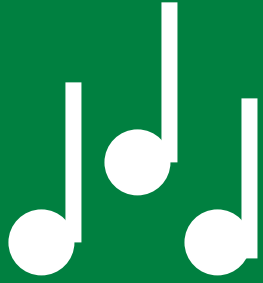


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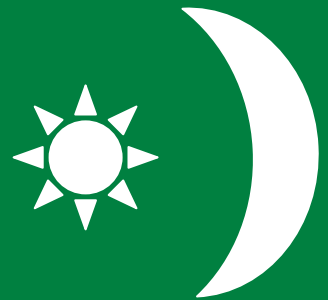
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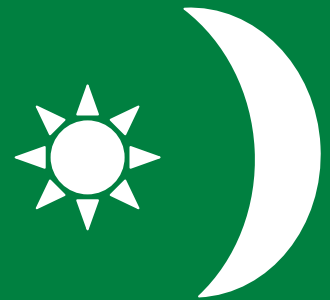
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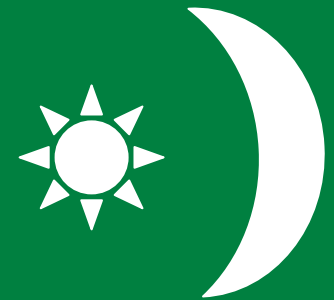
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How are these Christian issues?



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Understanding Creation, helps
understand the Creator



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Boethius:



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- Writes on Church History
- Writes against Nestorianism



Boethius Pushes Logical Theology!



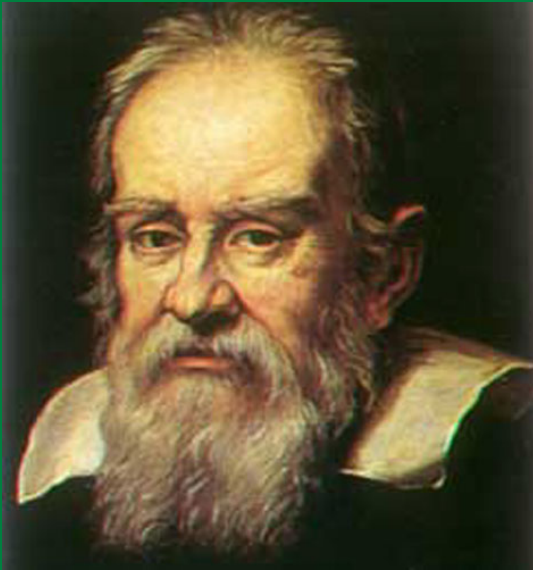
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“Examine these words
of mine, and if
possible, reconcile faith
with reason”

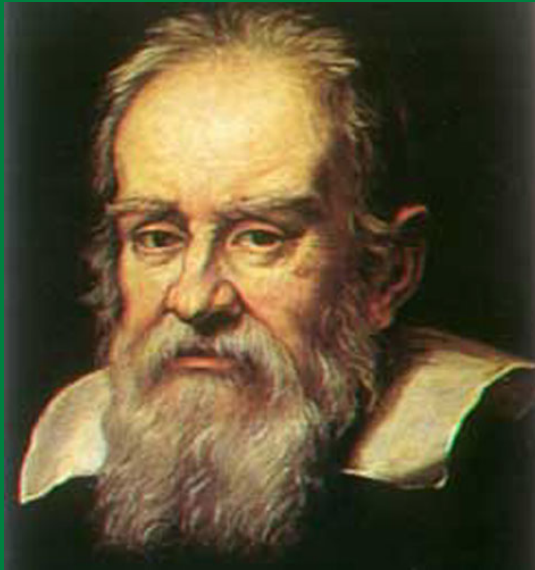
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Galileo

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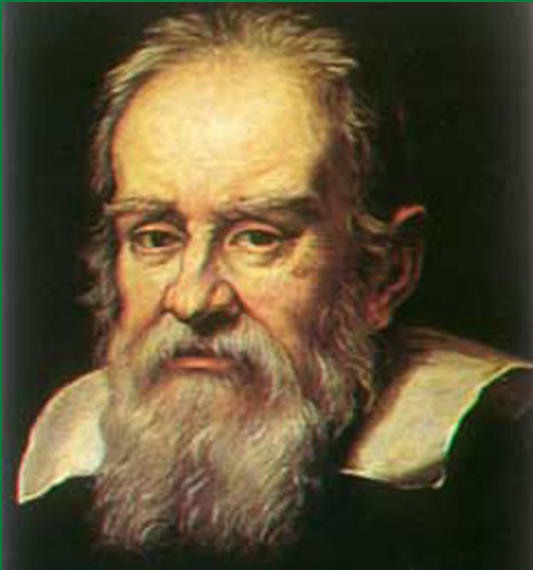


Galileo

Queen Elizabeth

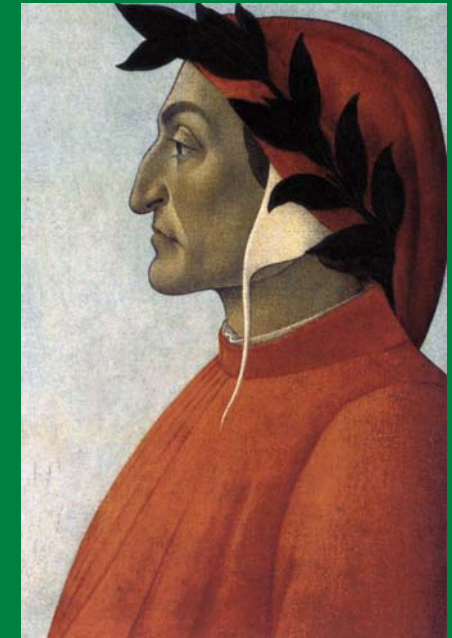


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Dante

523 - Boethius on top of the world



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Trouble at work

523 - Boethius on top of the world



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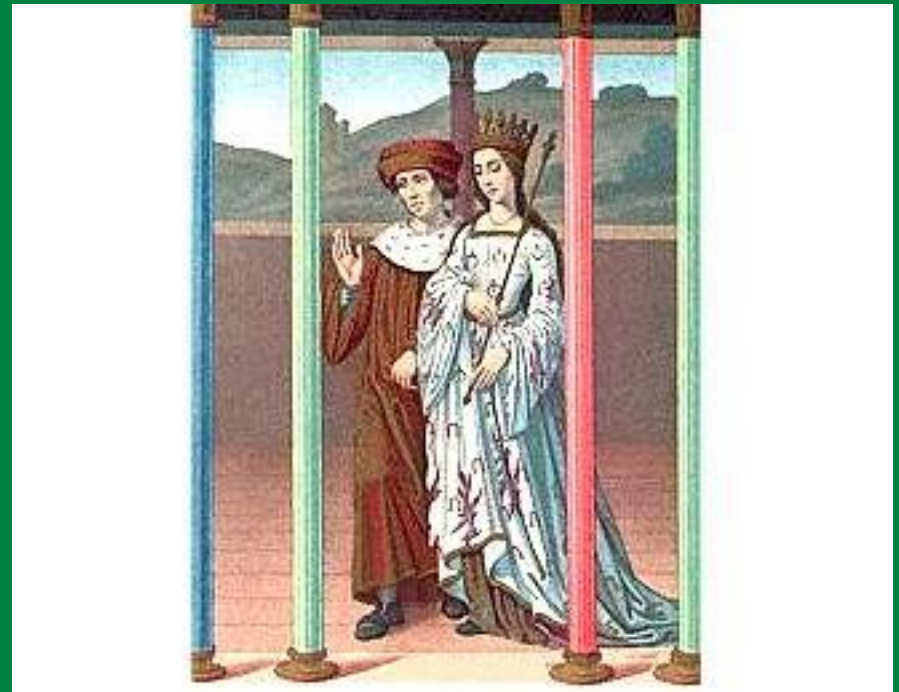
524 - Boethius awaits execution



Boethius writes “The Consolation of
Philosophy”

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Boethius is
visited by Lady
Philosophy



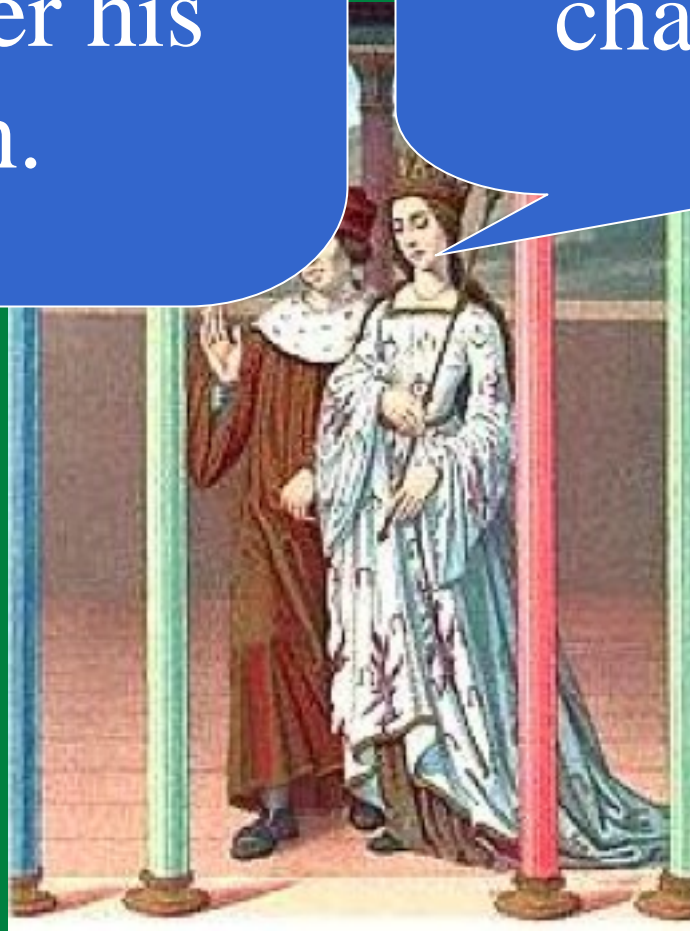


Do you believe this
life consists of
chance events?



I could never believe of such. In fact, I know that God watches over his creation.

Do you believe this life consists of chance events?



The day will never
come that sees me
abandon that belief.



The day will never
come that sees me
abandon that belief.

So how can you be
so sick when you
hold so healthy a
belief?





Ever heard of Don Quixote?



How about C.
S. Lewis?

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Points for Home

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- God waits on the other side of death (I Cor. 15)