

Important Roman Theaters in the Western Provinces



Theaters

Latin Inscriptions

Composite

The theater was the quinesstial feature of all significant Roman towns. The archaeological evidence in this frame documents the location of major theaters. Noteworthy is that they are concentrated in southern Spain, modern Tunisia, the Rhone-Seine, and Rhine areas. Similar patterns may be found in the distribution of



Incidence of Latin Inscriptions



Theaters

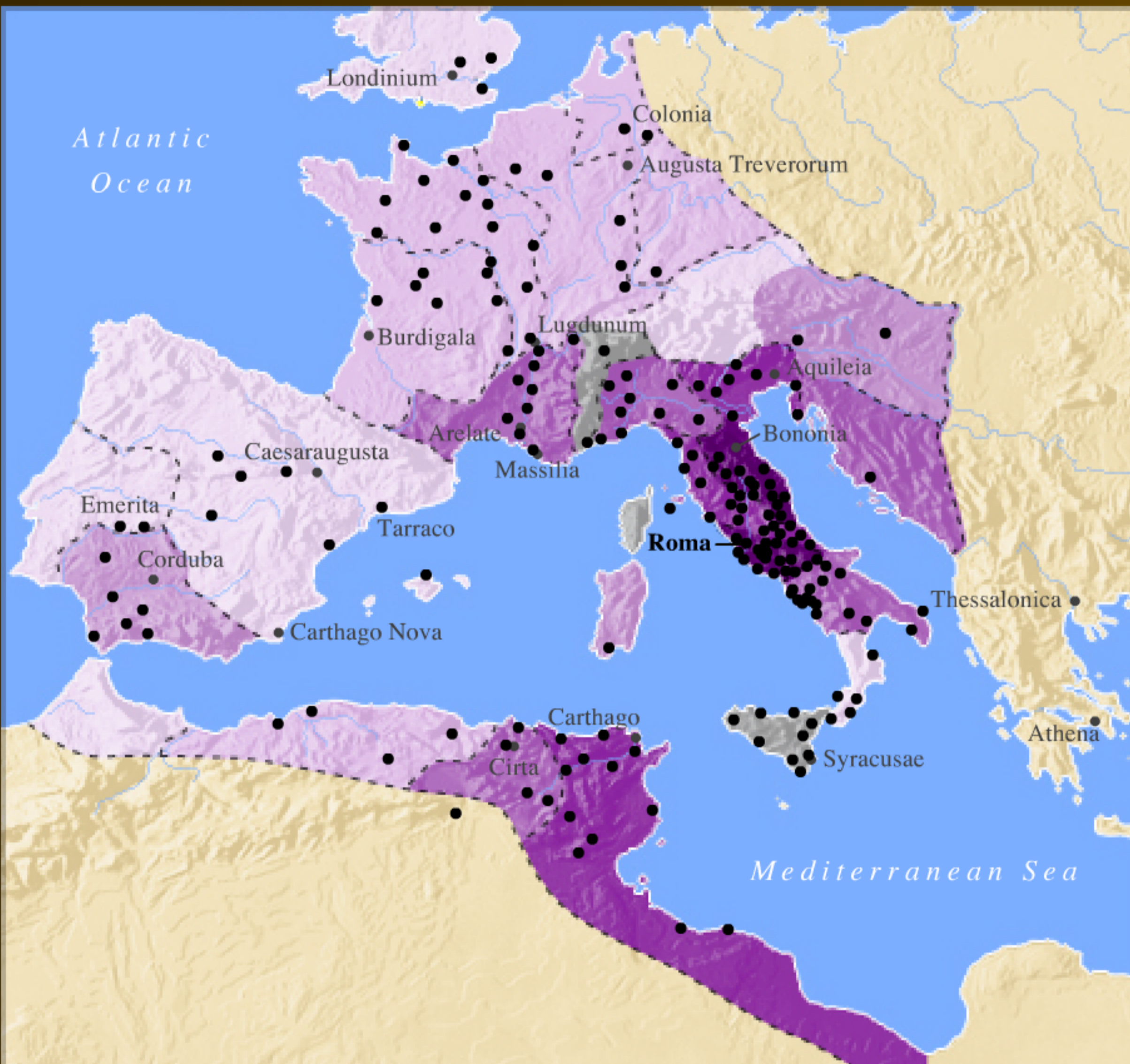
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Though Latin eventually became the language of the western provinces, there is considerable variation in evidence documenting its adoption. The map demonstrates that further away a province was from Rome the lower the incidence of surviving Latin inscriptions. The same areas that yielded authors and emperors (southern Spain



Composite -- Theaters and Latin Inscriptions



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The consistent relationship between urbanization (as documented by the theaters) and the use of written Latin (as documented in the inscriptions) is confirmed by comparing these two maps.

