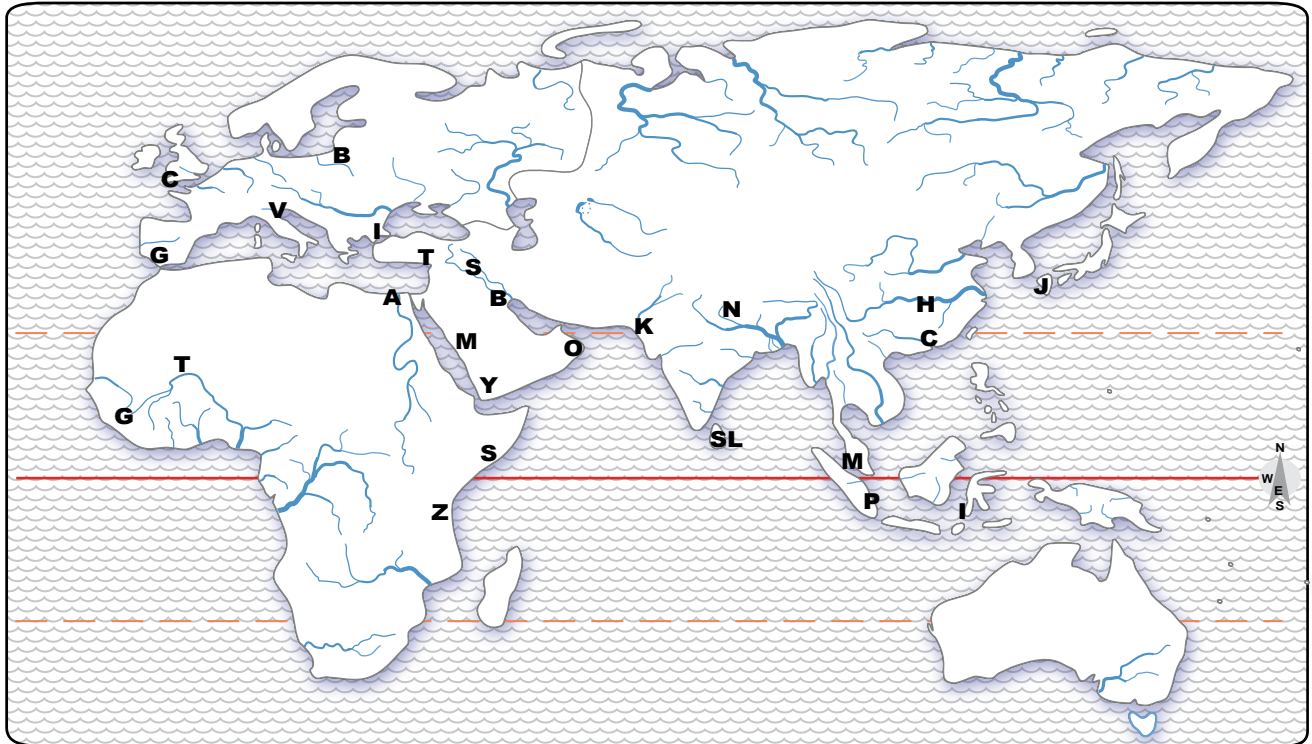


## Trade in the Ancient World - Evidence from a Shipwreck



About the year 830 CE, a ship sank near Palembang (P), capital of the Srivijaya empire. (For more than 500 years, Palembang was one of the largest trade ports in the world.)

1. The ship was made in Oman (O), but some wood in it came from the rainforest in Africa. **Draw a route from Oman to Zanzibar (Z).** Draw another route past Sri Lanka (SL) and through the Strait of Malacca (M) to Palembang.
2. The ship carried some cloves, mace, and nutmeg from the Spice Islands, in what is now called Indonesia (I). **Draw a route from I to Palembang.**
3. The main cargo was nearly 60,000 bowls made in Hunan, China (H). **Draw a route from Hunan east down the Yangtze River to the ocean, then south to Palembang.**
4. Bowls from Hunan have been found in many ancient markets, including Japan (J), Palembang, and Malacca in East Asia; Sri Lanka and Karachi (K) in South Asia; Mecca (M), Yemen (Y), Oman, Basra (B), Samarra (S), and Tarsus (T) in SW Asia; Somalia (S) and Zanzibar in Africa; and Istanbul (I) and Venice (V) in Europe. **Draw a small square around each of those letters.**
5. Clay jars from Samarra have also been found in many old market places, including Karachi, Sri Lanka, Malacca, Somalia, Zanzibar, Yemen, Oman, Mecca, Istanbul, Venice, Alexandria (A), Gibraltar (G) in Europe, and Timbuktu in West Africa (T). **Draw a larger circle around each of those letters.**
6. The ship also had a small amount of gold from Guinea (G) in west Africa. Guinea gold has been found in old trading centers from Venice and Istanbul to Zanzibar, Palembang, and Canton, China (C). **Draw a gold bar by all places where you think people might trade African gold for other products.**
7. Finally, the ship had a little bit of amber from Europe, near the Baltic Sea (B). **Draw a dotted line to show a route from B through Istanbul to Indonesia.**

**Thought question:** Where would be good places for pirates to hang out at this time? Be ready to defend your choice of a location for a pirate base.