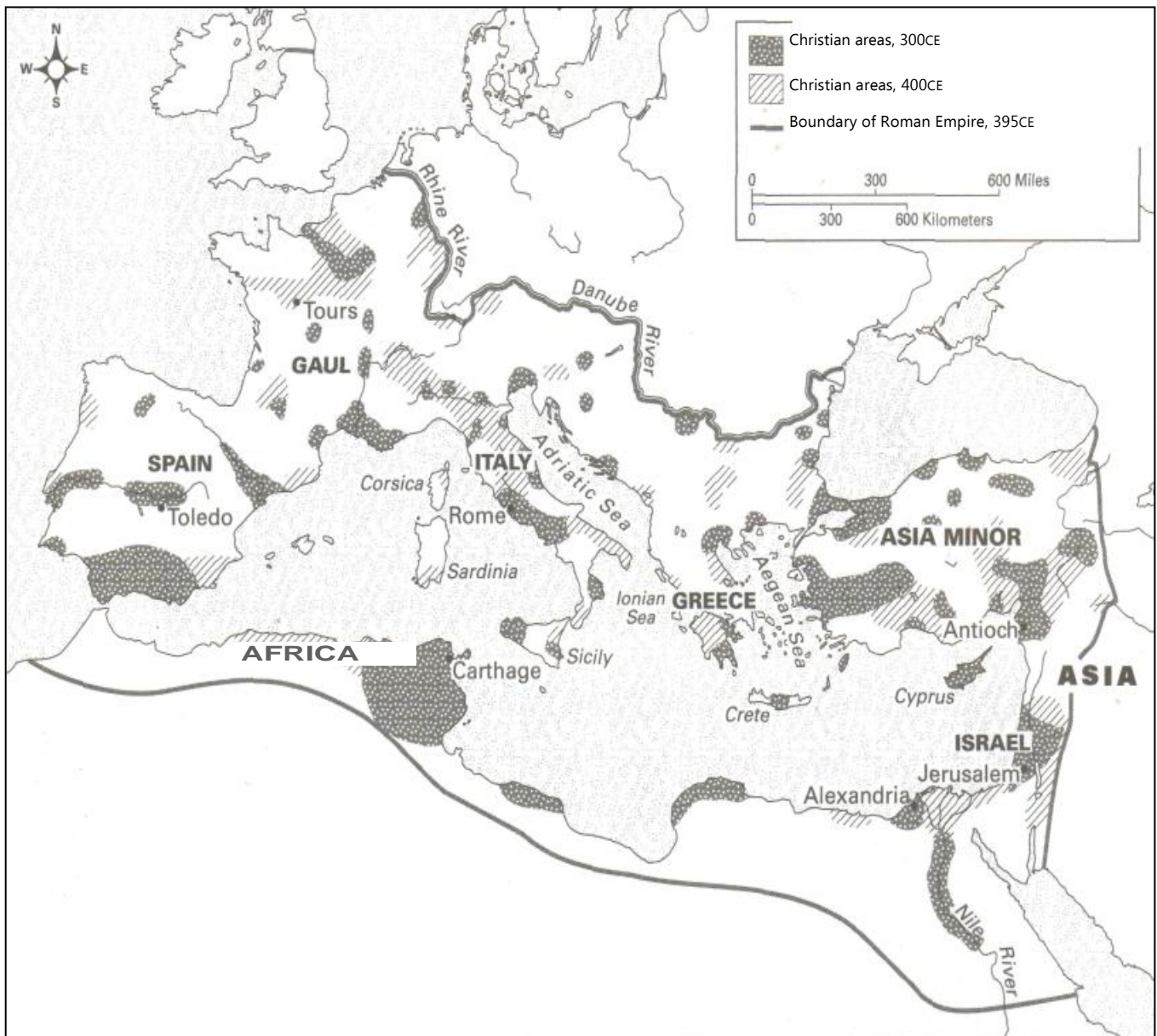


The Spread of Christianity

The religion Christianity spread very quickly. This was due in part to Paul of Tarsus, who traveled throughout the Roman world spreading Christian teachings. He traveled on the road networks that connected areas of the Roman Empire. One hundred years after Jesus's death, hundreds of thousands of Christians lived in the Roman Empire. Over time, Christianity became so popular that the emperor made it Rome's official religion.



MAP ACTIVITY

1. On the map, underline the city of Rome in Red
2. Use yellow to outline the boundary of the Roman Empire
3. On the map, label the Mediterranean Sea in blue
4. Update the map key to reflect the colors you added to the map
5. Color the Christian Areas (300_{CE}) Orange
6. Color the Christian Areas (400_{CE}) Green

ANALYZING MAPS

Directions: Answer the following questions using POQ (Complete sentences!)

1. **Place** Which major areas showed Christian influence between 300_{CE} and 400_{CE}?
2. **Location** What river in Egypt had Christian areas by 400_{CE}?
3. **Place** During what period did Christianity spread to Spain?
4. **Region** Why might an emperor of Rome make Christianity Rome's official religion?
5. **Movement** Why might the construction of the roads have been so important to the spread Christianity throughout the Roman Empire?