Key

1. Who controlled maritime trade in the Mediterranean Sea before the Phoenicians?
   The Minoans controlled maritime trade before the Phoenicians.

2. What two groups made up the Phoenician people and where did they come from?
   The two groups that make up the Phoenician people are Canaanites and Philistines.

3. What were the major items traded by the Phoenicians?
   Some of the major items traded by the Phoenicians were cedar logs, (purple) cloth, glass trinkets, and perfume.

4. How did Phoenician sailors plot their course?
   The Phoenician sailors plotted their course by using the stars as a guide.

5. Was Phoenicia a united country? Why?
   No, Phoenicia was not a united country because mountains separated one group from another.

6. What does the name “Phoenician” mean?
   The word Phoenician means “of purple merchants”.

7. What was the name of the most famous Phoenician trading port or city in North Africa? The name of the most famous Phoenician trading port in North Africa was Carthage.

8. How many characters were there in the Phoenician alphabet?
   There were 22 characters in the Phoenician alphabet.

9. What other people would be influenced by the Phoenician alphabet?
   Hebrew and Ancient Greek, and the Romans were influenced by the Phoenician Alphabet.