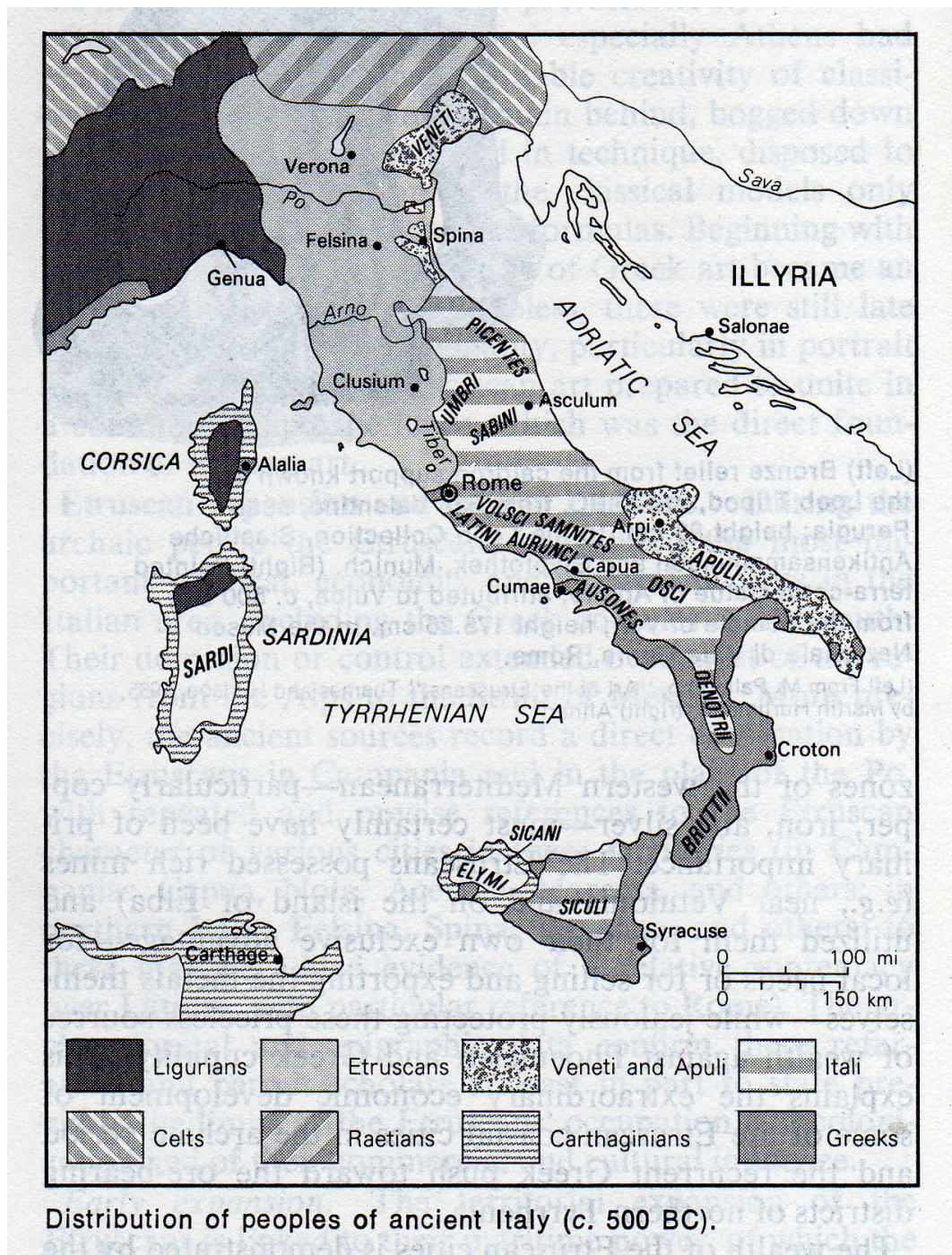


Outline of Corsican history to the time of Napoleon.



- prehistoric - Ancient inhabitants: Ligurians, Carthaginians & Phocaeans
- ca. 550 BC – Greeks found colony at Alalia
- ca. 540 BC – Coalition of Etruscan & Carthagian ships battled the Phocaeen fleet in Sea of Sardinia, leading to a Phocaeen withdrawal from Corsica.
- ca. 540 – 259 BC Etruscan period
- 259 BC – Roman conquest
- 259 BC – 450 AD Roman period
- 450 AD – Vandals invade.
- 450 – 1050 AD Successive invasions by Vandals, Lombards and Saracens.

1050 AD Genoans invade

1050 – 1284 Genoans build six fortified coastal towns.

1284 – Genoa and Pisa at war over ownership of Corsica

1297 – 1334 Genoa and Aragon at war over Corsica

1358 – Corsican nobility overthrown in popular revolution led by an order of heretical Franciscan monks preaching communistic ideals called the Giovannali. The Giovannali appeal to Genoa, who support them, crush the remaining Corsican nobility, and agree to allow the island's inhabitants to live autonomously.

1553 – Henry II of France invades, succeeding by exploiting Corsican resentment against Genoese

1553 – 1559 Corsica annexed to France

1559 – France returns Corsica to Genoa

1729 – 1755 Corsican rebellion against Genoese occupation fomenting

1755 – Corsican nationalists write a Corsican constitution under leadership of Pasquale Paoli

1769 – France annexes Corsica for a second time

1789 – Corsica becomes a French *département*

1794 – 1796 brief-lived Anglo-Corsican Kingdom

1796 – Corsica returns permanently to French rule