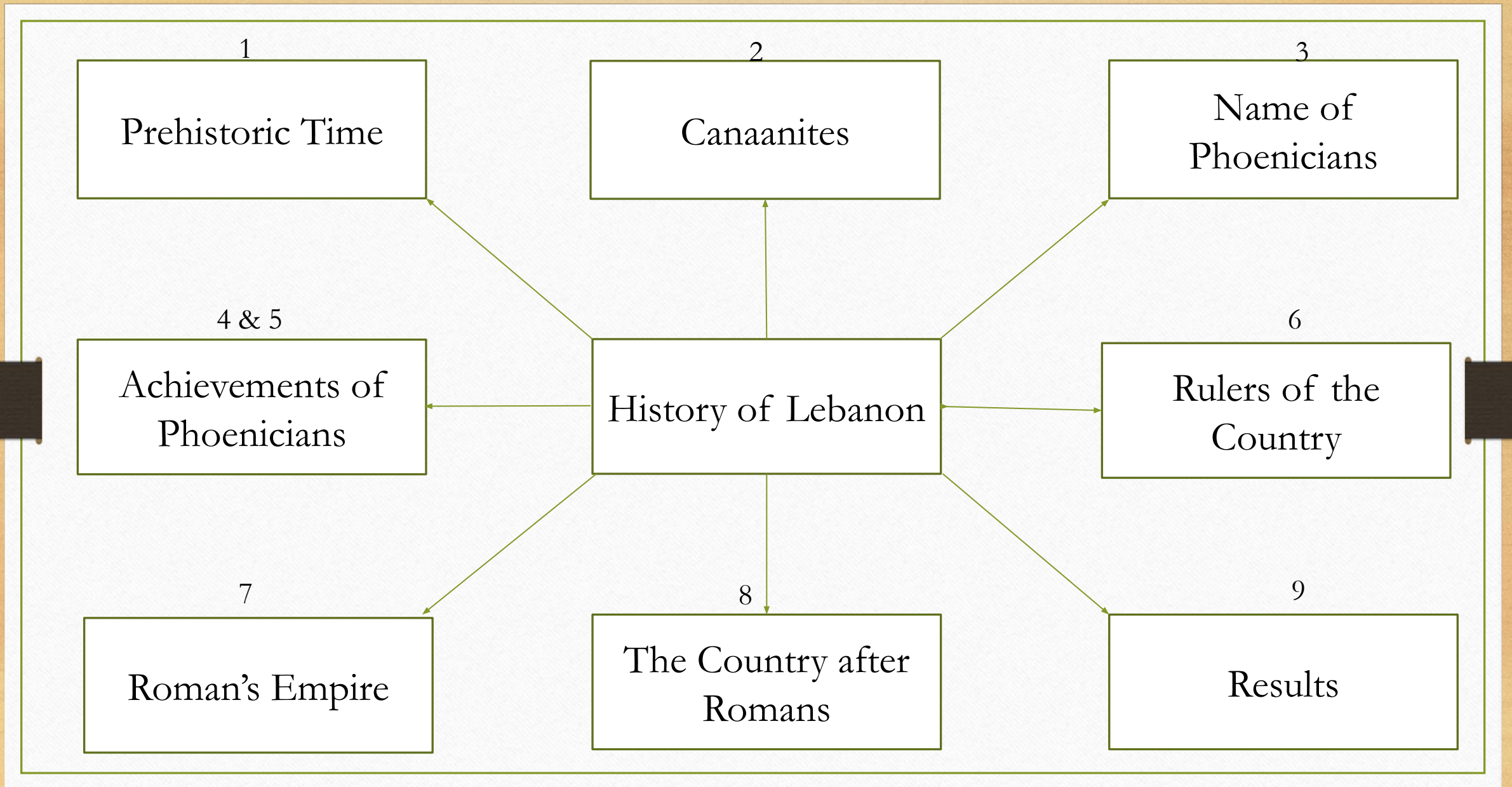


THE ANCIENT HISTORY OF LEBANON

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Prehistoric Time:

The earlier known settlements in Lebanon date back to earlier than 5000 B.C.

In Byblos, which is considered to be the oldest continuously inhabited city in the world.



Canaanites:

The area known as Lebanon first appeared in the recorded history around 4000B.C as a group of coastal cities. It was inhabited by Canaanites, a Semitic people that came from the Arabian peninsula.



Name of Phoenicians:

The Greeks called them Phoenicians which means violet, and that is due to the purple color that dominated their clothing and to the purple dye that they were famous for.



Achievements of Phoenicians:

They had a lot of achievements such as:

- 1) Alphabet: the invention of the alphabet is one of the greatest things that the Phoenician's civilization has provided to human. They used some of Sumerian and Egyptian languages and developed it.
- 2) Discovery of purple pigment: the Phoenicians were the first to discover the purple color, they extracted it from the shells. They entered it in their industries especially clothes.



- 3) Ship building: the Phoenicians made a lot of industries they were professionals in multiple things such as jewelry, glass, and pottery. They were not satisfied to sell it in the country only, but also to export it to other regions. The transportation in land was slow and they needed to be faster. This need led them to build ships and master it.



Rulers of the country:

After this economic prosperity in the country, several people came to dominate the country. The first were Assyrians(875-608 BC), Babylonians(605-537B.C), And Persians(537-330B.C.) that control the country respectively. All of them destroyed some cities imposed tribute on the population, and put a strict rules on the country. After that, the king of Macedonia alexander the great he attacked the Persians troops and defeat them in the 4th century B.C.. The Phoenicians welcomed him and considered him as a savior for the country. They were influenced by the Greek culture which gave them a different character from the others in the region.

Roman's Empire:

After the alexander's death his empire was divided and controlled by different people. Phoenicia and the eastern part was taken by the roman in 64 B.C.. The economic and the intellectual activities flourished again and, and the citizens were given the roman citizenship

The country after Romans:

After the death of Roman king, the empire was divided into two parts. The eastern part that contain Lebanon was controlled by byzantine. The economy continued to flourish more than a century. After a long time the Arabs Muslim of the Arabian peninsula ruled the country. Also the Ottomans controlled the country for a long time, then the French in the first world war. After 23 years, Lebanon became independent and built his on country.

Results:

- Lebanon has gone through many stages some of it brought advantages such as flourishing the economy and having many cultures and religions, while some were harmful which destroys some cultures and traditions.