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Keith Lye : Syria (Take a Trip to Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Syria (Take a Trip to Series):

A simple introduction to the geography, history, resources, economy, government, culture, and people of the southwestern Asian country whose coastal region was once part of ancient Phoenicia.

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