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Passage Of The Cow

- Istanbul Strait as known as “*Bosphorus*” means *Cow Passage* or *Ox-ford* in Ancient Greek. Let’s discover the mythological story of the Bosphorus:



Zeus, Hera and Io

Gerbrand van der Eeckhout (1674)



Formation of the Bosphorus

- In the 4th geologic time
- The Ice Age ended and ice floes began to melt.
- Rising waters of the Mediterranean Sea flooded Marmara, and the Marmara Sea have also merged with the Black Sea as a result of continuing rises. Therefore the Bosphorus formed.





Why is the Bosphorus important?

- The only passage between Black Sea and the Mediterranean.
- Capitals of the Byzantine and Ottoman Empires were founded around it.



Conquest of Istanbul, Fausto Zonaro (1903)



Why is the Bosphorus important?



- One of the busiest waterways of the world.
- Around 48.000 ships pass through it annually.
- Its traffic is three times denser than the Suez Canal and four times denser than the Panama Canal.

□ The Bosphorus is the lifeblood of Istanbul.



Thank You For Listening

