

Why is A the first letter?

WIDE

It represents

NARROW

One of the common vowel

MIDDLE

SOUNDS IN ANCIENT LANGUAGES. NATURALLY

WIDE

The Phoenician alphabet makers

NARROW

Selected

WIDE

NARROW | 14 POINTS | LEADING 16 POINTS

Our transition from barbarism to civilization can be attributed to the alphabet. Those great prehistoric discoveries and inventions such as the making of a fire, the use of tools, the wheel and the axle, and even our modern marvellous applications of steam and electricity pale into insignifi-

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cance when compared with the power of the alphabet. Simple as it now appears after the accustomed use of ages, it can be accounted not only the most difficult, but also the most fruitful of all the achievements

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of the human intellect. Man lived by "bread alone" and without the alphabet untold ages, and with a practical alphabetic system not more than 3,000 years. So important and wonderful was this step deemed by those who