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The black chalk is a natural black slate with a high carbon content. Deposits of this type of slate can be found in Thüringen, parts of France, and Andalusia. Cennino Cennini writes about black chalk from Piedmont; stating that it was soft enough to be sharpened with a penknife, very black, and good for drawing. These qualities allow the black chalk to be cut into smaller pieces. Put into a pencil holder and sharpened to a point, the chalk produces extremely fine black lines.