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Please get your binders.

- Most traders belonged to what religion?
- How did Sundiata increase the power of his kingdom?
- In West African family, who was responsible for the daily chores?
- What is the oldest African Empire?
  - Mali, Ghana, or Songhai
West African Empires

- Nok
- Ghana
- Mali
  - 5x larger than Ghana
- Songhai
Vocabulary

- Griot-Storyteller
- Diviner-Communicates with spirits
- Kinship-Family relationship
- Oral Tradition-History passed on through retold stories.
Trans-Sahara Trade

- Trade routes carried goods from the Middle East, Europe, and Asia.
- Gold and Salt
- Dangerous and profitable journey
- Niger & Senegal Rivers - Natural resource & transport
Trade Centers

- Koumbi-Capital of Ghana
- Niani-Capital of Mali
- Timbuktu-Major trade and learning center
- Gao-Capital of Songhai
Topography of Africa

Diverse climate regions

- Desert-Sahara & Kalahari
- Sahel
- Rainforest-Congo region
- Grasslands-Serengeti
- Rivers-Niger & Senegal
Songhai

- Sunni Ali-Songhai leader that conquered Mali
- Askia Muhammed continued to spread Islam.
- Conquered by Moroccans
  - Judar Pasha-Moroccan leader
  - Guns gave Moroccans the advantage
  - Malaria killed many of the Moroccans.
Zimbabwe

- Zimbabwe-”Houses of Stone”
- Great Zimbabwe-Major trade & cultural center

Found at Great Zimbabwe
- Gold-Major gold center
- Copper
- Iron
Congo

- Agricultural and trading empire
- Trading society
- Gold, Ivory, & Copper

Congo Empire
Congo

- Mbanza-Capital City
- Portuguese arrived and severely influenced Congo
  - Started the slave trade
  - Guns
- Civil Wars-Slave trade #1 cause

![Map of slave trade routes](image-url)
African Geography

Environments of Africa

- Sahara
- Sahel
- Atlantic Ocean
- Mediterranean Sea
- Indian Ocean

Natural Environments
- Mediterranean
- Rain forest
- Savannah
- Semiarid
- Desert

0, 1,000, 2,000 Miles
0, 1,000, 2,000 Kilometers
Africa's geography influenced people's way of life.

The family was the basic unit of society in West Africa.
West Africa Empires

The Ghana Empire developed in West Africa and controlled the trade in salt and gold.

Mali’s kings built an empire and spread Islam in West Africa.

The Songhai Empire continued to spread Islam.

The history of West Africa has been preserved through storytelling, writing, music, and art.
Summary

- On a separate piece of paper. Write a summary of your notes.
- Be sure to use complete sentences.
- Highlight main ideas and concepts.