

Africa

World History I
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Unit Questions:

- ➡ How did geographic conditions affect the growth/influence of ancient/medieval Africa?
- ➡ In what ways has “The West” distorted, suppressed, or stereotyped African history? How has our study of Africa confirmed or rejected those viewpoints?
- ➡ What examples can we find of great civilizations throughout African history?
- ➡ What was Africa’s role in world trade networks?

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Africa Homework #1: Early Civilizations of Africa

Date due: _____

Directions: Read Chapter 10, section 1: Early Civilizations of Africa pp. 283-287. Answer the following questions in complete and clear sentences. Do not COPY the textbook. Write it in your own words.

1. What did griots do and why were so important in West African societies?
2. List 5 facts about Africa's geography below.
3. What is the Sahara? List 4-5 facts about it.
4. What is the savanna? Why is the savanna the most populated area in Africa?
5. Describe two challenges Africa's environment created for people living there.
6. Describe the role dead ancestors often played in people's lives.
7. What is Bantu and why is it so important in African history?

Africa Homework #2: Trading States of East Africa

Date due: _____

Directions: Read Chapter 10, section 2: Trading States of East Africa, pp. 291-293. Answer the following questions in complete and clear sentences. Do not COPY the textbook. Write it in your own words.

1. Why did trade develop on Africa's East Coast?
2. Who participated in the East African trade network?
3. What is a city-state? (look it up in the glossary)
4. What are the names of the East African city-states?
5. What goods were traded in these city-states?
6. What is Swahili and how is it related to the trade network?
7. What was Great Zimbabwe? List 5-6 facts about it.
8. What remains of it today?

Africa Homework #3: Kingdoms of West Africa

Date due: _____

Directions: Read Chapter 10, section 3: Kingdoms of West Africa, pp. 295-301. Answer the following questions in complete and clear sentences. Do not COPY the textbook. Write it in your own words.

1. What was the most valuable trade good of West Africa?
2. What innovation allowed traders to cross the Sahara desert? What was its result?
3. What product did the Ghana kings tax heavily? Why?
4. How was Mali founded? By whom? When?
5. Mansa Musa was a powerful king of Mali. Describe 4-5 of his accomplishments.
6. Why did Mansa Musa go on the Hajj and what were the results of this trip?
7. Why did Mali decline?
8. In this section, your textbook describes the Gold-Salt trade network of West Africa. What was this trade network and why was it so important to this part of Africa?

Africa Homework #4

Date due: _____

Oral history is kept through the generations by memory. At important celebrations and gatherings, people gather around and listen to the stories, which are told to entertain and to teach. Families also carry their own oral history through sharing the same stories again and again. Try to think of a story from your family or from your friends which has been told many times. Is there a message or moral of the story? (If you cannot think of your own oral history, describe a story below that is commonly known in American culture or is important to someone in your life)

1. Describe the story below:

2. Why is this story important to you?

Africa Homework #5: Chapter 10, Document-Based Investigation: The Influence of Trade on African Culture

Doc 1

What foreign goods and influences did Leo Africanus note in Timbuktu?

Doc 2

How did trade influence religion and architecture in early West Africa?

What elements of the Mosque come from West African culture?

Doc 3

What traditional African custom did the people of Mali keep even after they became Muslims?

How did the people of the Mali Empire adapt Islam to their own culture and environment?

Doc 4

What two cultures blended together to form the Swahili culture and language?

Based on the passage, how do Swahili people view the ways in which their culture has evolved?