

## 11: Kingdoms and trading States of Africa (730 B.C.E. -1591)

### Section 1: Early Civilizations of Africa

#### Objectives:

- Understand how geography affected migration, cultural development, and trade in Africa.
- Describe the rise and decline of Nubia.
- Explain how outside influences led to change in North Africa.

#### Vocabulary:

- Sahara
- savanna
- cataract
- desertification
- Bantu
- Nubia
- Meroë

### THE INFLUENCE OF GEOGRAPHY

#### Geographic Patterns

#### Resources Spur Trade

[What geographic features limited movement in Africa and what made them obstacles?]

### PEOPLE AND IDEAS MIGRATE

#### The Sahara Dries Out

#### The Bantu Migrations

[How did migration affect the development of African cultures?]

## **NUBIA FLOURISHES ALONG THE NILE**

Nubia Rivals Egypt

Meroë Masters Trade and Iron

Splendor and Decline

[How did conquest affect the development of Nubia?]

## **OUTSIDE INFLUENCES AFFECT NORTH AFRICA**

Phoenicians Build Carthage

Rome Rules North Africa

Islam Spreads Into Africa

[How did trade cause change in North Africa?]

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**Section 2: Kingdoms of West Africa**

**Objectives:**

- Understand why gold and salt were important in early Africa.
- Describe how the rulers of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai built strong kingdoms.
- Summarize how other West African societies developed.

**Vocabulary:**

- surplus
- commodity
- Ghana
- Sundiata
- Mali
- Mansa Musa
- Songhai

**TRADE IN THE SAHARA**

Surplus Leads to Trade

Trading Gold for Salt

[How did farming lead to the development of cities?]

**GHANA: THE LAND OF GOLD**

Cities of Splendor

Influence of Islam

[What effect did trade have on the West African kingdom of Ghana?]

## **THE KINGDOM OF MALI**

Mansa Musa Rules Mali

The Hajj of Mansa Musa

[What did Mansa Musa accomplish during his reign over the kingdom of Mali?]

## **A NEW EMPIRE IN SONGHAI**

Extending the Empire

Armies Invade From the North

[How did Askia Muhammad help shape the empire of Songhai?]

## **SMALLER SOCIETIES OF WEST AFRICA**

The Forest Kingdom of Benin

Walled City-States of the Hausa

[How did other cultures influence the development of Benin and the Hausa city-states?]

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**Section 3: Kingdoms and Trading States in East Africa**

**Objectives:**

- Explain how religion influenced the development of Axum and Ethiopia.
- Understand how trade affected the city-states in East Africa.
- Describe the economy of Great Zimbabwe.

**Vocabulary:**

- Axum
- Adulis
- Ethiopia
- King Lalibela
- Swahili
- Great Zimbabwe

**AXUM: CENTER OF GOODS AND IDEAS**

Trade Brings Wealth

Axum Converts to Christianity

[How did the spread of religion affect the kingdom of Axum?]

**ETHIOPIA: A CHRISTIAN OUTPOST**

An Isolated Ethiopia

Judaism in Ethiopia

[How did the geographic isolation of medieval Ethiopia shape its culture?]

## **EAST AFRICAN CITY-STATES**

Trading Centers Flourish

Trade Shapes Swahili

[How did trade influence the city-states of East Africa?]

## **THE STONE HOUSES OF GREAT ZIMBABWE**

Inland Capital of Trade

Zimbabwe Falls to Ruins

[How do the ruins of Great Zimbabwe reflect the capital's former prosperity?]

## Section 4: Societies in Medieval Africa

### Objectives:

- Identify the different ways that the family influenced medieval African cultures.
- Describe the variety of forms of medieval African governments.
- Understand the role of religion and art in medieval societies.

### Vocabulary:

- nuclear family
- patrilineal
- matrilineal
- lineage
- consensus
- griot

## FAMILY PATTERNS

### Kinship

### Extended Lineages

[How did kinship help identify an individual's place in his or her society?]

## POLITICAL PATTERNS

### Power Sharing

### Limited Power

[How was ruling power shared in some of the smaller African societies?]

## **RELIGIOUS BELIEFS**

[Describe the religious beliefs in medieval Africa.]

## **TRADITIONS IN ART AND LITERATURE**

Creative Arts

Literature

[How did African societies preserve their history?]