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Pre-Colonial Africa Study Guide

- Who were the Griots?

Ancient storytellers from Ghana

- **Mansa Musa** is mostly remembered for his extravagant hajj to Mecca with, according to the Arab historian al-Umari, 100 camel-loads of gold, each weighing 300 lbs.; 500 slaves, each carrying a 4 lb. gold staff; thousands of his subjects; as well as his wife, with her 500 attendants.
- Name 3 early West African Kingdoms:

Ghana, Mali, Songhai

- Ghana was the best place for traders to exchange the region's most valuable resources, **salt** and **gold**.
- Mali was formed when a ruler named **Sundiata** united the tribes of the Malinke peoples. He led them to overthrow the Soso and the Mali empire grew stronger and took over surrounding kingdoms.
- What religion was an important part of the Mali empire?

Islam

- The **Niger** river was helpful for trade center in Timbuktu. It flows northeast. Why does it flow **northeast**?

Due to gravity and the river's outlet

- Which geographical feature in Africa found on your "Geographic Feature Map" is a rolling grassland scattered with shrubs and isolated trees? **Savannah grasslands/plains**
- Write another example of trade/movement of goods that you've learned about so far in Quarters 1-3.

Columbian Exchange

