Ancient Africa Kingdoms

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Using the African History test, answer the following questions.

1. Where is Africa located? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. How could traders lose their power? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. How did the Kush Empire become wealthy? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. Which kingdom had ties to India, Egypt, and the Roman Empire because of access to the Red Sea? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
5. How did Aksum lose their power and who was responsible? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who was the leader of Islam? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
7. What goods did West Africans and Muslims trade? Why were these good important to West Africans? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
8. In Mali, why was the salt and gold trade easier? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
9. Why were the ports significant to Swahili culture? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The Rise & Fall of Empires

**Ghana Empire**: Ghana flourished in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Centuries because of its control of major routes of the Trans-Saharan trade of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was introduced to Ghana by the 9th Century. The spread of the religion introduced Ghana to a larger world of trade and religion.

In 1076, the Almoravids, a Muslim group, conquered Ghana. They made Islam the sole faith and to control the Trans-Saharan trade routes. They failed in both areas. However, the Ghanaian Empire ended with their conquest.

**Mali Empire**: Mali rose to greatness under the leadership of a legendary king named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, known as the "Lion King.”

Later, another great leader named \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ extended the empire. But his death, his sons could not hold the empire together. The smaller states it had \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ broke off, and the empire crumbled.

After a shift in trading routes, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ flourished from the trade in salt, gold, and ivory. It became part of the Mali Empire early in the 14th century.

**Songhai Empire**: As Mali's power declined, Songhai proclaimed its \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and rose to power.

Songhai had been an important trade center within Mali's empire, just as Mali had once been ruled by Ghana. Great Songhai kings such as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Askia The Great) extended the Songhai kingdom farther than Ghana or Mali had before and brought an organized \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the area.

The riches of the gold and salt mines drew \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, though, and in the late sixteenth century a Moroccan army attacked the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The Songhai Empire, already weakened by internal political struggles, went into decline.