

Chapter 7 Section 2 Notes

"Kingdoms and States of Africa"

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GHANA

- 1ST GREAT TRADING STATE IN WEST AFRICA
- MOST PEOPLE WERE FARMERS
- KINGS OF GHANA RULED W/OUT ANY LAWS
- KINGS WERE VERY WEALTHY
- WELL TRAINED ARMY FOR PROTECTION
- IRON + GOLD
- SKILLED BLACKSMITHS VERY VALUABLE (CREATE TOOLS + WEAPONS)
- CENTER OF MAJOR TRADE
- TRADE W/ N AFRICA FOR:
 - METAL GOODS, TEXTILES, HORSES, SALT
- OTHER EXPORTS WERE IVORY, HIDES + SLAVES
- BERBERS HELPED W/ TRADE ACROSS THE DESERT
- CAMELS WERE A CRUCIAL FACTOR
- KINGS PROSPERED FROM TRADE BECAUSE THEY IMPOSED TAXES ON IMPORTS AND EXPORTS
- MUSLIM MERCHANTS SOON TAKE TRADE CONTROL

MALI

- GREATEST TRADING STATE IN WEST AFRICA BY SUNDIATA KEITA
- UNITED PEOPLE OF MALI + CREATED A STRONG GOV
- TIMBUKTU → FAMOUS TRADING CITY
- BUILT WEALTH FROM GOLD + SALT TRADE
- MOST PEOPLE WERE FARMERS; LIVED IN VILLAGES W/ LOCAL RULER
- MANSA MUSA; RICHEST AND MOST POWERFUL
 - DOUBLED SIZE OF KINGDOM
 - DIVIDED INTO PROVINCES RULED BY A GOVERNOR
 - TOOK A PILGRIMAGE TO MECCAH / MANY FOLLOWERS
 - LED HIM TO WANT TIMBUKTU TO BECOME A CENTER OF ISLAMIC LEARNING + CULTURE
 - MALI (TIMBUKTU) BECAME A STOPPING POINT FOR RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND SCHOLARS
- MALI WAS DIVIDED BY CIVIL WAR

SONGHAI

- ESTABLISHED ALONG NIGER RIVER
- KOSSI CONVERTED TO ISLAM AND ESTABLISHED DIA DYNASTY
 - SONGHAI BENEFITED FROM MUSLIM TRADE ROUTES
 - AN ERA OF PROSPERITY FOLLOWED W/ GAO AS THE CHIEF TRADE CENTER
- SUNNI ALI CREATED A NEW DYNASTY (SUNNI)
 - UNDER HIS LEAD SONGHAI EMPIRE CONTINUED TO EXPAND ITS TERRITORY
 - HIS ARMY BOTH DEFENDED + ATTACKED
 - CONQUERING TIMBUKTU + DJENNE GAVE SONGHAI TRADE CONTROL OF SALT AND GOLD
 - HE CONTROLLED GOV. AS WELL
 - UNITED RURAL + CITY DWELLERS
- MUHAMMAD TURE
 - OVER THREW SUNNI ALI SON; CREATING "ASKIA"
 - CONTINUED EXPANSION, PEACE + SECURITY
 - PROSPERITY REACHED HIGH POINT
 - AFTER HIS REIGN SONGHAI DYNASTY DECLINED AND FADED

SOCIETIES IN EAST AFRICA

- BANTU SOCIETY:
 - BASED ON SUBSISTENCE FARMING
 - MEN HUNTED OR TRADED
 - SPREAD IRON-SMELTING TECHNOLOGY
 - TRADE ALONG EAST AFRICAN COAST
- MUSLIMS FROM ARABIAN PENINSULA + PERSIAN GULF BEGAN TO SETTLE ALONG THE COAST
 - BM'S FLOURISHED (MOGADISHU, MOMBASA, KILWA)
 - KILWA WAS WEALTHIEST
 - GREAT MOSQUE + HUSUNI KUBWA PALACE
- FORMATION OF SWAHILI BEGAN ALONG COAST
 - MIXED AFRICAN - ARAB CULTURE

SOCIETIES IN SOUTH AFRICA

- MOST LIVED IN STATELESS SOCIETIES
- MIXED ECONOMY OF FARMING, HERDING + TRADE
- ZIMBABWE WAS THE WEALTHIEST + MOST POWERFUL
 - GOLD TRADE
- "GREAT ZIMBABWE" WALLED OFF CAPITAL
 - MANY PEOPLE COULD LIVE THERE
- MASTER BUILDERS