

Trade in the African Empires Presentation Questions

While each group is presenting answer the following questions. Please write in COMPLETE sentences. If a question is not able to be answered or did not apply for that specific kingdom do not leave it blank. Explain that the question did not apply to that kingdom.

Rulers

1. How did trade help rulers gain or maintain power in each kingdom?
 - a. Ghana- _____
 - b. Mali- _____
 - c. Songhai- _____
2. What challenges did rulers face because of trade or new religious influences?
 - a. Ghana- _____
 - b. Mali- _____
 - c. Songhai- _____
3. If you were a ruler, would you argue that trade made it easier to rule or made it tougher to rule? (use the information from questions 1 and 2)
 - a. Easier or harder (Circle)
 - b. Why did it change? (2-3 sentences)

Religion

1. How did trade affect the spread of Islam and religious practices in each kingdom?
 - a. Ghana- _____
 - b. Mali- _____
 - c. Songhai- _____
2. What conflicts or problems were caused by changes in religion over time?
 - a. Ghana- _____
 - b. Mali- _____
 - c. Songhai- _____
3. Did the introduction of a new religion present a shared unity or create more division?
 - a. Unity or Division (Circle)
 - b. Example (2-3 sentences)

Merchants

1. What new opportunities did trade bring to merchants in each kingdom?
 - Ghana-_____
 - Mali-_____
 - Songhai-_____
2. What new difficulties did merchants face as trade grew and changed?
 - Ghana-_____
 - Mali-_____
 - Songhai-_____
3. Did the overall wellbeing of merchants improve or decline with the increase of trade?
 - Improve or decline (Circle)
 - Why? (2-3 sentences)

Farmers

1. How did trade affect farming practices and farmers' importance in each kingdom?
 - Ghana-_____
 - Mali-_____
 - Songhai-_____
2. What new pressures or problems did farmers experience because of trade?
 - Ghana-_____
 - Mali-_____
 - Songhai-_____
3. Did farmers' lives seem to improve or get harder over time?
 - Improve or Harden (Circle)
 - Why? (2-3 sentences)

Enslaved People

1. How did the role of enslaved people change from Ghana to Mali to Songhai?
 - Ghana-_____
 - Mali-_____

- Songhai-_____

2. How did trade increase the demand for enslaved labor?

- Ghana-_____
- Mali-_____
- Songhai-_____

3. Did the treatment or opportunities for enslaved people get better or worse over time?

- Better or Worse (Circle)
- Example (2-3 sentences)
