

# 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)

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## 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)

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## 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)  
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## 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)  
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## 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)  
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