

West African Research Essay Scaffold

“Did trade make life better or worse for West African Communities?”

(“Did trade increase the welfare and security of West African Communities?”)

NAME: _____

BLOCK: _____

I. Introduction

a. Provide a 1-3 sentence history of Ghana

The Ghana Empire began in _____ C.E., _____

b. Provide a 1-3 sentence history of Mali

The Mali Empire began in _____ C.E., _____

c. Provide a 1-3 sentence history of Songhai

The Songhai Empire began in _____ C.E., _____

d. Introduce the Topic Question.

Today, we will be discussing the question, “Did _____ make life _____ or _____

for _____ Communities?”

We will first discuss ways that _____ made life _____.

Second, we will discuss ways that _____ made life _____.

Finally, I will share my _____ on the main _____.

II. Facts that suggest trade made life **better** for communities. (YES, from Griot Presentation Scaffold)

Rulers:

Religion:

Merchants:

Farmers:

Enslaved People:

Trade made life _____ for communities in _____ because it brought new **ideas**:

1) _____

2) _____

III. Facts that suggest trade made life **worse** for communities. (NO, from Griot Presentation Scaffold)

Rulers:

Religion:

Merchants:

Farmers:

Enslaved People:

Trade made life _____ for communities in _____ because it brought new **problems**:

1) _____

2) _____

IV. Your opinion! Circle Either (Trade made life better) OR (Trade made life worse)

In my opinion, trade made life _____ for communities in _____ for 3 reasons.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____
