

Western Africa in the Middle Ages

Kingdom of Ghana

The _____ people of West Africa formed the Kingdom of Ghana, controlling most of the _____ trade in West Africa by the 800's.

Muslim traders from the Middle East cross the _____ Desert and reach West Africa, beginning the _____ with Muslims and Ghana, as well as spreading the religion of Islam.

Mali Empire

After the decline of the Kingdom of Ghana, the Mali Empire quickly took its place, becoming the next great Kingdom of West Africa

_____ of Mali, the _____ ruler of the Mali Empire, was a devout _____, and made a famous pilgrimage to Mecca, making the Mali Empire even wealthier.

Songhai Empire

The Songhai people from the city of _____ formed the Songhai Empire, becoming another major West African Empire.

Even though it is the _____ empire in West Africa, the Songhai Empire is crippled by _____ from North Africa, and soon sent the Songhai Empire to split their empire to other kingdoms.

Empire of the Great Fulo

After the decline of the Songhai Empire, the Empire of Great Fulo becomes a major power in West Africa until the British and French Empires colonize the region.

Gaining the respect of _____ from North Africa, Mali is not invaded by Morocco yet _____ destroys the kingdom later on.