

## The Spread of Islam in West Africa

The Arabs conquest of Egypt and Morocco took two independent routes.

- The Western Path down the \_\_\_\_\_: to Senegal, east over the states of Western Sudan to Hausaland
- The Eastern route from \_\_\_\_\_ into the desert to Bronu

From here, \_\_\_\_\_ rapidly expanded throughout West Africa.

2 Causes of the Expansion of Islam in West Africa:

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_\_ of West Africa by the Almoravids (a Muslim group from an island in the Senegal River)
- ❖ The First leader of the Almoravids was a skilled North African Muslim named \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ The Almoravids launched a vigorous reforming drive to conquer and convert the pagans of the Western and Central Africa to \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ In 1076 the Almoravids attacked \_\_\_\_\_ which resulted in the dissolution of the empire and converted its inhabitants to Islam.
- ❖ Even though Ghana recovered its \_\_\_\_\_ in 1088 the kingdom remained \_\_\_\_\_ after that and the Muslims of Ghana promoted Islam among the numerous people they still dominated.
- ❖ The Mali Kingdom maintained Kangaba's \_\_\_\_\_ heritage.
- ❖ In 1324, the greatest ruler of the Mali, \_\_\_\_\_ made a costly and colorful journey to Mecca, importing Muslim intellectuals and constructing \_\_\_\_\_.
- ❖ Around 1200 AD the ruler of Jenne converted to \_\_\_\_\_ and his subjects quickly followed. Jenne became the \_\_\_\_\_ Muslim metropolis in Negroland.
- ❖ \_\_\_\_\_ was established around 1096 and became a central Islamic and commercial hub. It was used by Muslim merchants from Jenne and North Africa for \_\_\_\_\_.