

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 Brionu

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 _____.