

7th Grade History

2.1 West Africa

Presearch Two: The Influence of Islam in West Africa and The Cultural Legacy of West Africa (pages 153-175)

Themes: People, Places, and Environment, Cultural Exchanges

Objectives:

- Study the Niger River and its relationship to the growth of the Ghana and Mali empires.
- Analyze the importance of family, labor specialization, and regional commerce in the development of states and cities in West Africa.
- Describe the role of trade in changing cultural traditions in West Africa.
- Trace the growth of the Arabic language in West Africa

Essential Questions:

1. What three major changes occurred in West African government and law as a result of Islamic influence?
2. Explain the Muslim influence on each of these areas of culture in West Africa: education, architecture, and art.
3. Why did more and more West Africans learn Arabic? In what ways did the Arabic language influence learning and scholarship? What was the influence of Arabic on trade and government?
4. Describe how West African history, beliefs, and values were passed down through oral and written traditions?
5. What functions does music serve in West African society? What styles of singing, instruments, drumming, and dance are characteristic of West African music?
6. What functions does art serve in West African society? What styles of sculpture, masks, and textiles are characteristic of West African art?

All work should be recorded and filed in your ISN: The Culture and Kingdoms of West Africa.

This week:

<u>Due</u>	<u>Points In ISN</u>
12/11	10
12/14	100
12/14	60
12/18	10
12/19	60

- 1) Quiz on Presearch One: Essential Questions and geography
- 2) Read Chapters 13 & 14 in The Medieval World and Beyond.
Take 2-Column Notes or do the workbook pages.
- 3) Essential Questions
- 4) Quiz on Presearch Two: Essential Questions and Vocabulary
- 5) Art Analysis and Essay

