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What resources were key to the development and wealth of the West African kingdoms of Ghana, Mali and Songhai?

How did Ghana capitalize on its location at the crossroads of trans-Saharan trade?

What advantages did West African leaders gain by embracing Islam?

What was the main purpose of Mansa Musa’s famous voyage across the Sahara with loads of riches?

What effects did Mansa Musa’s voyage have on the kingdom of Mali as a trading center and as a center for learning and culture?

Why was Timbuktu such an important city?

How were African traditions and history preserved?

What were some of the common beliefs or practices of traditional African religions?

How did the introduction of Islam or Christianity change the traditional practices?

What factors led to the development of cities and states in West Africa?

What were the effects of the Bantu migration?

Where did the first European slave ship come from and when did it arrive?

What crop(s) led to the rise in the African slave trade?

How did the diverse geography and climate of Africa influence:

1. The availability of resources?
2. Trade?
3. Travel?