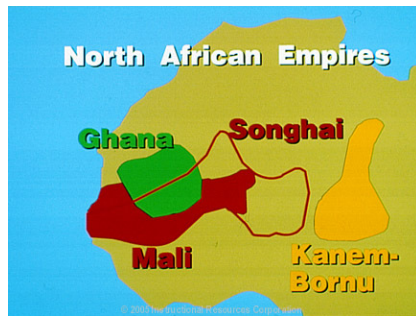


Ghana, Mali, & Songhai



Empire of Ghana

• Berbers

- People from North Africa who practiced Islam, spoke Arabic, & traded salt/gold across the Sahara
- Importance? (see whiteboard)
 - _____
 - _____

Empire of Ghana (red outline)



- What do you notice about **Ghana's** location?
 - Geography?
 - Natural resources?
- Significance?

Islam & Ghana

	Before Islam	After Islam
Religion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ancestor worship • Power to rule came from ancestors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convert to Islam • Maintain old ways • Blend both religions
Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tribal languages (Soninke, Mande) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arabic (in gov't, trade, & cities) • Tribal languages
Laws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only men could inherit property 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women given some rights when fathers died
Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$\$\$ from gold/salt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$\$\$ from gold/salt

Empire of Ghana (copy)



- "**Salt** was valuable because _____."

- "**Gold** was valuable because _____."

Decline of Ghana

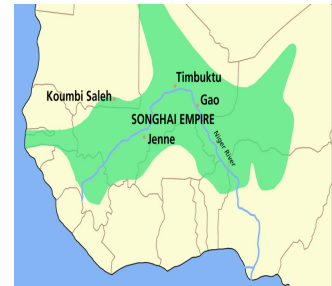
- **Almoravids** – took over North Africa in 1000's & attacked Ghana
 - Wanted others to convert to Islam
 - Weakened Ghana's trade network
 - Took capital city of Koumbi Saleh in 1076 C.E.
- **Significance of Ghana's downfall?**

Video: "DE – Islam comes to Timbuktu"

- Video questions (**copy & answer**):
 - Name of empire after Ghana & who founded it?
 - Who was Mansa Musa & what did he do?
 - What did Muslims exchange for slaves & gold in Timbuktu?

Empire of Songhai

- Rebelled against Mali
- **Gao**: capital city
- Sunni Ali (king)
 - Overthrew Berbers & expanded Songhai empire



Empire of Mali

- **Sundiata**: founder
- **Timbuktu**: capital city of Mali empire
 - Significance?
- **Mansa Musa**
 - Devout Muslim, but tolerated other religions
 - Mali's most famous king
 - 1324: **Hajj** (Pilgrimage) to Mecca
 - 12,000 slaves; 80 camels; 300 lbs of gold
 - Significance?

Empire of Songhai: Askia Muhammad

- Spread Islam throughout empire
 - Successful in cities
 - Not so much in countryside (still a mix of Islamic & traditional religions)
- Reorganized empire
 - Set up provinces with governors



Yes, that's from *Aladdin*. **BUT** he's also an example of how Islam mixed with African beliefs

Decline of Mali (1332~1500)

- Internal problems
 - Disputes over succession
 - Rebellion by **Songhai** people
- External problems
 - Invasions by Berbers & capture of Timbuktu (1433)
 - Bandit attacks on trading caravans

Fall of Songhai

- Internal problems
 - Disputes over succession
 - Weak rulers
- External problems
 - Invasions from North Africa (late 1500's)
 - Loss of \$\$\$ (b/c lost salt mines)
 - Major cities (Timbuktu, Gao) captured by invaders