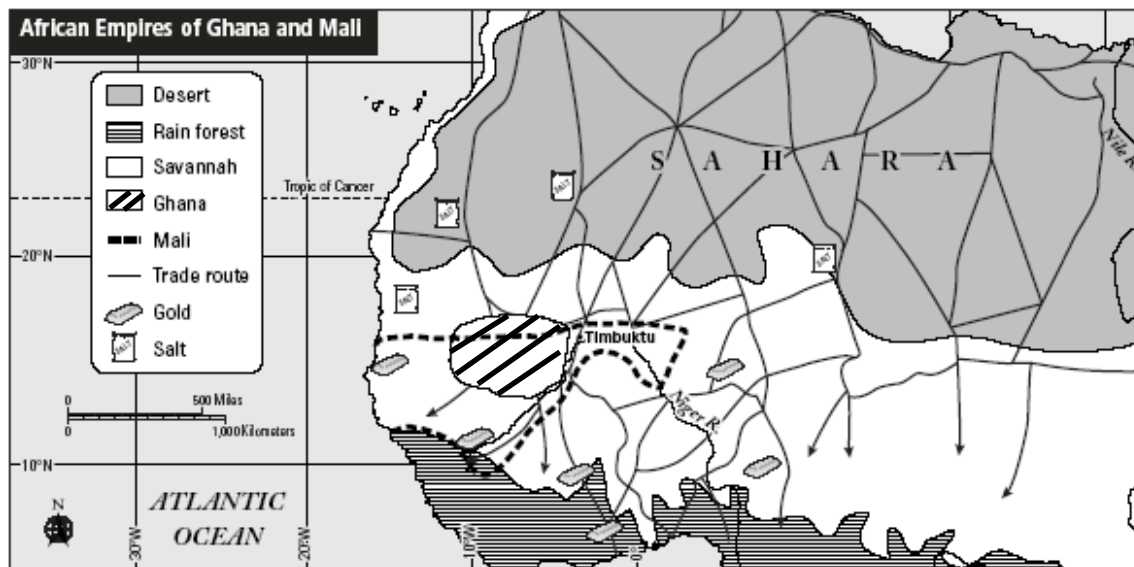




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## ***Ghana and Mali Worksheet***

**Instructions:** Study the map and read the text to answer questions on the next page. Write down 3-5 details from the map & text in your composition books.



### **Trans-Saharan Trade**

- Salt was mined in the Sahara Desert and traded for gold from the south, as well as crops and enslaved laborers from the flat, grassy plains of the savannah region.
- Around the fourth century, camels began to be used in trade caravans. They could travel long distances without water, making the journeys easier.

### **Ghana (800–1076)**

- Ghana was located where salt from the north met the gold and enslaved Africans from the south. Ghana controlled the gold-salt trade.
- Ghana's king taxed trade and demanded tribute, or payment, from nearby tribes.
- Ghana conquered more territories. Large trading cities sprang up, and the kingdom grew wealthy.

### **Mali (1235–1400s)**

- New sources of gold were found farther east. As a result, the trade routes moved closer to Mali.
- Under the ruler Sundiata, Mali took control of the gold-salt trade. Mali grew wealthy and powerful. It expanded to include Ghana's former territory.
- Mali's city of Timbuktu, at the crossroads of the desert and savannah, became a center for trade and learning.



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**Instructions:** Write your answers in your composition books. Use complete sentences and DO NOT WRITE ON THIS HANDOUT.

- 1** According to the map, where were most of the gold and salt resources of West Africa located?

Most of the gold in West Africa was located in \_\_\_\_\_.

Most of the salt in West Africa was located in \_\_\_\_\_.

- 2** Based on the map, which observation about the climate of West Africa would be valid?

A The north receives the most rain.

B It becomes wetter further south.

C The center is the most rainy area.

D All areas get equal rainfall.

- 3** What region did crops grow best in the kingdom of Ghana?

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- 4** How did the use of camels affect trade?

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- 5** Why was Ghana able to control the gold-salt trade?

A It had a strong army that could overpower traders.

B It took the land that Mali once had.

C It owned all of the gold and salt mines.

D It was located at the meeting point for gold and salt traders.

- 6** What was one result of the shift in trade routes?

A Ghana grew stronger.

B Gold's value declined.

C Trans-Saharan trade decreased.

D Mali gained control of the gold salt trade.

- 7** Define "tribute"

Tribute is \_\_\_\_\_.