

Guided Reading



African Civilizations

Lesson 1 *The Rise of African Civilizations*

ESSENTIAL QUESTION

Why do people trade?

African Beginnings

Describing There are four distinct geographic zones found in Africa. In the chart below, write a brief description of each zone.

| Geographic Zone | Description |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Rain forests | 1. |
| Grasslands | 2. |
| Deserts | 3. |
| Mild Climate | 4. |

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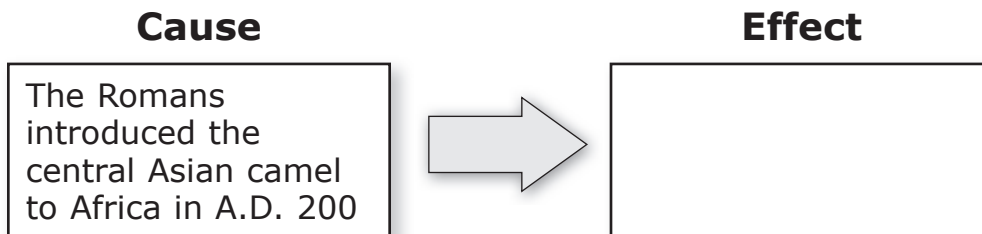
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Identifying Identify the physical features of Africa by completing the following sentences.

- 5. Most of Africa is covered by a series of _____.
- 6. Millions of years ago, movements of the Earth's crust created _____.
- 7. The _____ provided rich soil for growing crops and raising cattle. It helped to unite people living in West Africa.

Trading Empires in Africa

8. Determining Cause and Effect Romans introduced the central Asian camel to Africa in A.D. 200. Complete the graphic organizer below to show how this event affected African trade.



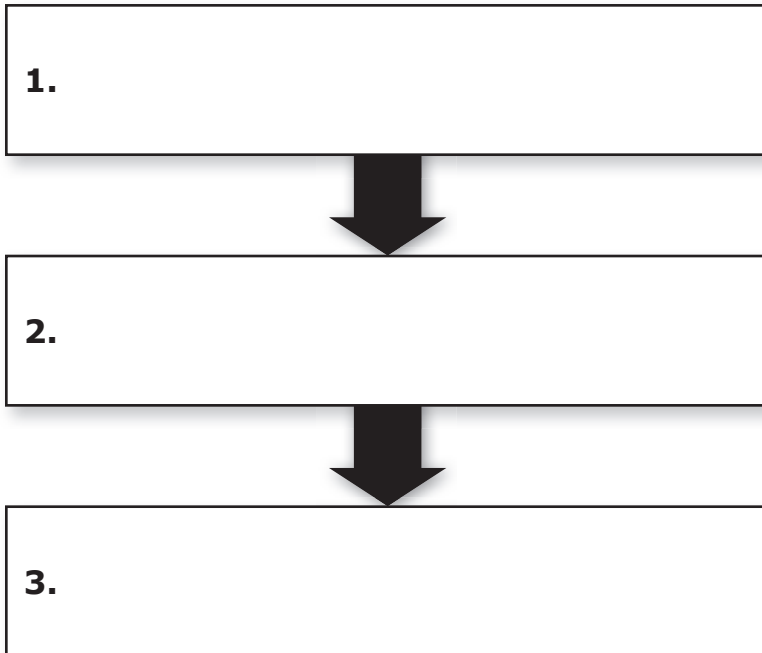
9. Listing What did caravans carry from West Africa for trade?

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West African Kingdoms

10. Sequencing Use the graphic organizer below to place the major West African kingdoms in the correct sequence by which they rose to power.



11. Explaining Why did Ghana become an important crossroads of trade?

12. Finding the Main Idea How did Mali build its wealth and power?

13. Summarizing How did the Songhai Empire come to an end?

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East African Kingdoms

True or False Use your textbook to determine if each statement is true or false. Write *T* or *F* in the blank next to the statement. If the statement is false, rewrite the underlined portion to make the sentence true.

_____ **14.** Axum was important to the trade routes between Africa, the Mediterranean, and India.

_____ **15.** Dhows were boats introduced to Africans by Europeans.

_____ **16.** Zimbabwe rose to be an important trading kingdom in Central and Southern Africa.
