

# Think, Pair, Share...

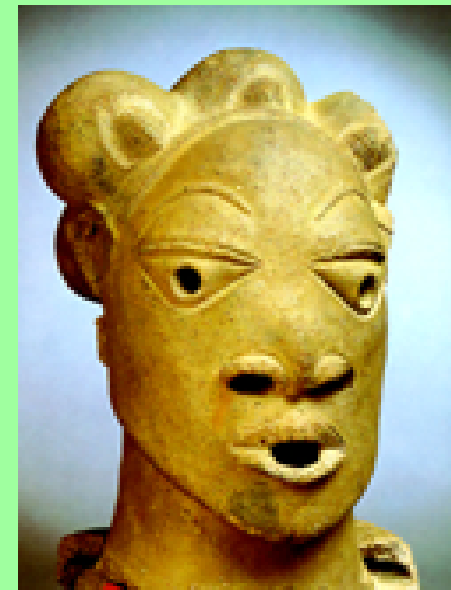
Until the ancient Egyptians, people in Africa were not organized into kingdoms. Why do you think people began forming kingdoms?

# Learning Target...

I can recall facts and expand my knowledge of the pre-colonial African kingdoms.

# The Nok...

- Early people
- Lived in West Africa around 500 B.C.E.
- They were one of the first groups in Africa to use iron.



# Kush...

- Located south of Egypt
- Back and forth conquering with Egypt
- Kushites moved to Meroe after land was conquered by the Assyrians
- Meroe was a great trading location for the Kushites
- Kushites began making tools and weapons from iron

# Let's consult an expert...

As you listen to the interview, take note of similarities and differences between Kush and Egypt. Also, be able to explain the relationship between Kush and Egypt.

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**DIFFERENCES:**

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# Axum...

- Axum conquered Kush in 300 C.E.
- Located in modern day Ethiopia
- Arab trading colony
- King Ezana converted to Christianity and made it the kingdom's official religion
- Conflict arose with Muslim traders
- Although Axum won the conflict, the kingdom was weakened and it split into smaller kingdoms

# Monomotapa...

- Settled by Bantu speakers
- The Great Zimbabwe?
- Mutota and Shona drove out competitors and seized power
- Taxed traders
- Matope set up an empire that lasted from the early 1400s to the 1620s



# History Mystery...

With your table partner, read the background information on the Great Zimbabwe. Then, write a brief paragraph about what might have happened at the Great Zimbabwe using the In My View handout. Be prepared to share your ideas with the class.



# Ghana...

- Located in modern day Mauritania, Mali, Senegal, and Guinea
- Majority of people were farmers
- Got rich from trading gold for salt with North Africa
- Government became Islamic

# Mali...

- Broke away from Ghana after invasions from North African armies
- Absorbed much of Ghana and expanded the empire
- Mansa Musa made a famous pilgrimage to Mecca
- Timbuktu became a center for learning and trade in West Africa

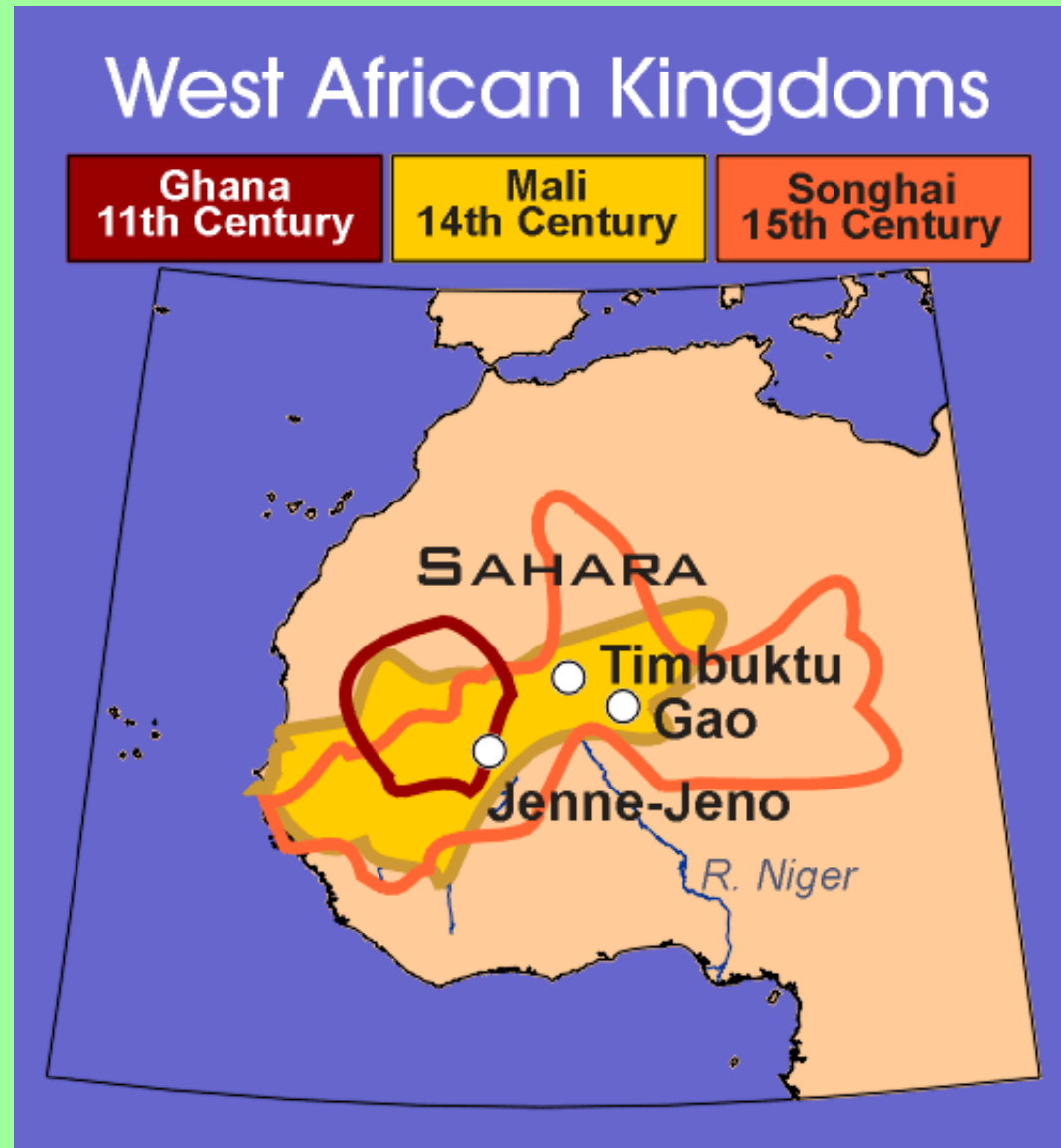
# Songhai...

- Mali was invaded by Berber merchants from North Africa and Songhai broke away (like Ghana!)
- Sunni Ali wanted to expand the empire to expand the salt and gold trade
- Ali's son expanded the size of the empire
- Goal was to bring Islamic law to the kingdom

# How about the homework?

Share and compare your answers with your table partner. Also, think about the question, "What was life like for traders in pre-colonial Africa?" Be ready to share your thoughts with the class.

According to this map, why would both Mali and Songhai have been more successful trading empires than Ghana?



# Ticket Out the Door...

1. Who were the Nok?
2. What was the relationship like between the Egyptians and the Kushites?
3. What is the common thread among the Ghana, Mali, and Songhai kingdoms?



# Homework...

The Muslim Empire worksheet  
and  
Islam in Africa worksheet