

Mali

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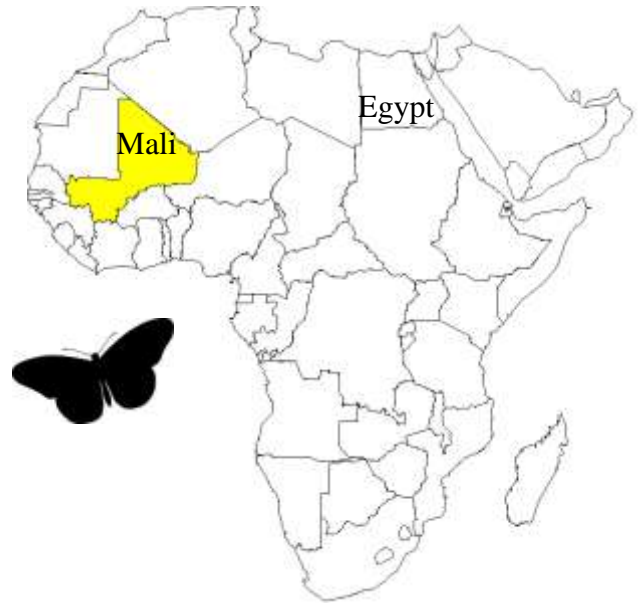
Physical Characteristics

The continent of _____ was the home to several great empires. One of the most prosperous (wealthy) was the early West African empire of _____.

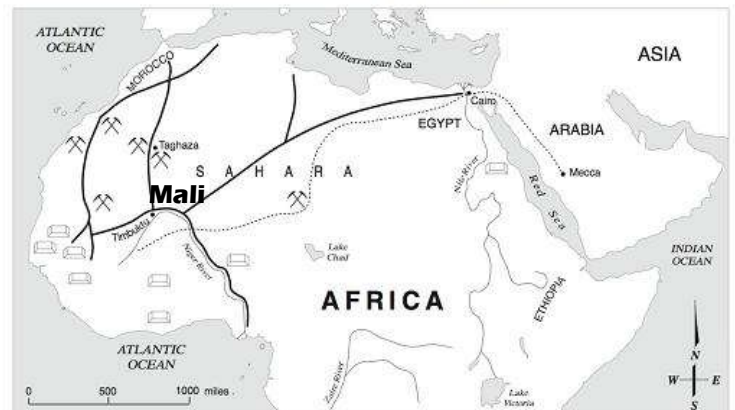
Mali was located in the _____ region of the continent of Africa, near the Niger _____, and in a _____ region. Mali had _____ mines.

The empire of Mali lay across the _____ routes between the sources of _____ in the _____ Desert and the _____ mines of West Africa.

Africa



Mali: A Center for Trade



Legend

- Mansa Musa's route to Mecca, 1324
- trade route
- ⚒ salt mine
- 🏠 gold mine

Salt and Gold

For the people of the desert, _____ was a valuable natural resource.

People used salt for their _____ and for _____ food .

Miners found _____ in Western Africa. Gold was a valuable natural resource.

The people of Mali traded their _____ from the Sahara Desert for gold.



Human Characteristics

The people of the empire of Mali had specializations.

Their jobs were:

- _____
- _____
- _____



Specialization

Specialization occurs when people focus on the production of selected _____ and _____.



Specialization encourages _____ because people want goods and services that they do not have.



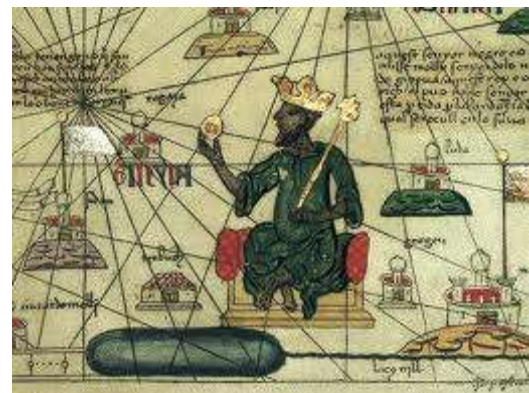
Storytellers

Many storytellers in Mali passed on _____ and _____ from one generation to the next.

Government

The empire of Mali was *NOT* a democracy. The _____ of Mali were rich and powerful men who controlled trade in West Africa.

Mali became one of the largest and wealthiest empires in the region and was an important _____ center.



Timbuktu

Timbuktu was an important _____ in Mali.

Timbuktu had a famous _____ with a large library containing _____ and _____ books.

