**Name: Subject and Period:**

**Date: West African Empires:**

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**1**) Who were the Berbers and what did they start in Africa?

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2) What were the original animals used by the Berbers for trading and what was wrong with them?

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3) What new animals were introduced by the Romans and why were the better suited for the Sahara climate?

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4) What was a Caravan and how was it used by the Berbers?

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5) Why was Ghana known as a “cross roads of trade”?

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6) What did traders have to pay in order to gain passage and conduct business in Ghana?

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7) What was significant about the Ghana military?

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8) What was salt used for during the Middle Ages in Africa?

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9) What started the decline of Ghana’s power?

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10) What Empire conquered what was left of the Ghana empire?

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11) African Griots told stories about a great warrior king, what was his name and what did it mean?

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12) What was significant about the trading city of Timbuktu during Ghana’s Empire and Mali’s Empire?

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13) Who was the last Emperor of Mali and what did the kings who followed fail to stop?

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14) What was the name of the leader and his people who stormed into Timbuktu and overthrew the Berbers?

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15) What new weapons were used by the Kingdom of Morocco to overthrow the Songhai Empire?

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**Connecting Across Time Question**:

While camel caravans were important to Africa, there are many examples of modern day caravans. For example, the many cars in a train are like the many different camels in a caravan. Often time’s truckers will drive together in clumps to help with wind resistance and make travel easier. Cyclists often race in clumps as well.

Answer the following question in a well crafted 3-4 sentence open ended response.

**What technological advances have allowed people to overcome geographic barriers for trading purposes**?

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16) How did salt deposits form in Western Africa?

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**17**) What made salt so valuable that it was actually traded for a value equal to gold?

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