

10.3 West African Empires (pp. 320-327)

Section Outline: Complete the section outline as you read. Remember that an outline contains the most important facts from a reading, and is not usually written in complete sentences. An outline can be a way of creating organized notes.

- Trade in Salt and Gold

- The Empire of Ghana
 - The Source of Wealth

 - The Importance of Trade

- The Wealth of Mali

- The Songhai Empire
 - Songhai Declines

Reading Check Questions: Answer the following questions as you read the text.

1. Why did North African traders come to West Africa?
2. What role did the king of Ghana play in the salt-for-gold trade?
3. In what ways was Sunjata like Alexander the Great?
4. How were Mali and Songhai alike and different?