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c. Conversion to Islam

IV. The Reign of Mansa Musa (c. 1312 - 1337)

a. The Hajj to Mecca and the legend of Mali's wealth

b. Musa's promotion of Islam and scholarship

c. The construction of Timbuktu and other cities

V. Mali's Political and Economic Structure

a. Feudal system and the role of clans

b. Gold and salt trade

c. The importance of the Niger River

VI. Decline and Fall of the Mali Empire

a. Succession conflicts and internal strife

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b. The rise of the Songhai Empire

c. Portuguese explorers and the decline of trans-Saharan trade

VII. The Legacy of the Mali Empire

a. Cultural achievements and the spread of Islam

b. Influence on neighboring African kingdoms

c. The preservation of manuscripts in Timbuktu

VIII. Timbuktu and its Contribution to Scholarship

a. The Sankore University

b. The collection and preservation of African manuscripts

c. Intellectual and cultural exchange

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IX. Modern Rediscovery and Preservation of Mali's History

a. UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Mali

b. Efforts to safeguard and promote Mali's historical heritage

c. Importance of Mali's history in the context of African heritage