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Part II Chapter 13

**Mali** – The empire made by the indigenous Muslims from Sudan. Mali was located in Western Africa and Delhi in northern India. Mali has played a good part in the trans-Saharan gold trade, which has been a foundation for Mali since it relies on the gold for profit. Muslim has gotten to Africa through commercial contacts. Most Africans have found meaning and benefit in the teachings of Islam. The Mali fell due to the incapability to control rebellions.

**Mansa Musa** – Mansa Musa was the ruler of Mali, and his pilgrimage through Egypt to Mecca had established the Mali Empire’s reputation for wealth in the Mediterranean world. This pilgrimage was known as a Hajj. Furthermore, Musa had caused inflation in the community because he would give gold out to people. Mansa Musa had built many great architectures and structures, like mosques and Quran schools.

**Ibn Battuta** – Ibn Battuta had visited Mali during the reign of Mansa Musa’s successor, Mansa Suleiman.

Furthermore, Ibn Battuta admired the Malians for their faithful recitation of prayers and their interest in teaching children the Quran. In addition, Ibn Battuta wrote about how foreign travelers don’t have to fear being robbed or having their goods taken if they died.

**Decline of Mali** – The rulers of Mali couldn’t prevent rebellions from breaking out among the diverse people subjected to Malinke rule. The city of Timburto was taken in 1433 by the desert Tuareg.

**Hausa city-states** – The Hausa city-states have adopted Islam after the fall of Mali. Moreover, the Hausa city-states have took on importance as manufacturing and trading centers and became famous for cotton textiles and leatherworking.

**Gold Coast** – The Gold Coast was located in Western Africa. It was known for its abundance of gold and is located in modern day Ghana.

**Impact of Islam on West Africa** – Islam has spread throughout Africa very rapidly. Many states have adopted the fate through cultural exchange by commercial contacts. Islam has even spread after Mali fell. Also, new technologies and achievements were made due to the beliefs of Islam.

**Delhi Sultanate in India** – A Turkish dynasty took over Delhi and Lahore with their powerful weapons. Then, after the foundation of the Delhi Sultanate, Islam started to spread throughout the Sultanate. Next, the Sultan Iltutmish has secured official recognition of the Delhi Sultanate as a Muslim state by the caliph of Baghdad.

**Role of Islam and Hinduism** - Hinduism has already existed in India for a while, meanwhile, Islam has just spread all over Africa and some parts of India. Furthermore, when a Turkish dynasty took over Indian cities, the Turkish dynasty converted the Indians into Muslims. Travelers and merchants would help with the spread of Islam throughout India and Africa.

**Vijayanagar Empire** – This empire ruled most of South India and was founded by Harihara along with his brother Bukka. The empire was made to fend off Bahmani attacks and celebrated Hinduism. The empire was located in the Deccan Plateau.

**Bahmani Empire** – This is the empire that tried to convert the Vijayanagar Empire to Islam. This is an independent state that rose as the Delhi Sultanate lost power.