

SUMMARY

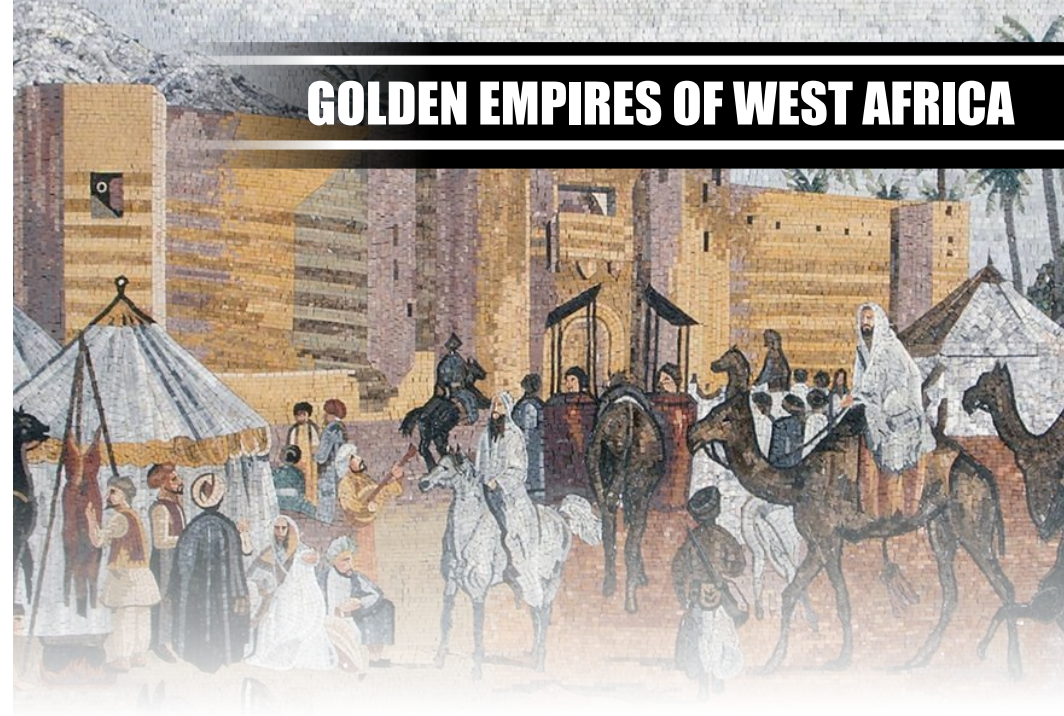
The golden empires of West Africa—Ghana, Mali, and Songhai—flourished between the 9th and 16th centuries, becoming powerful through trade, particularly in gold and salt. The Ghana Empire (c. 300–1200) was the first major kingdom, controlling trans-Saharan

trade routes. The Mali Empire (c. 1235–1600), under rulers like Mansa Musa, expanded wealth and influence, making Timbuktu a center of learning.

The Songhai Empire (c. 1430–1591) later rose to dominate the region, reaching its peak under Askia Muhammad. These empires thrived due to strong economies, advanced administration, and rich cultural achievements before succumbing to internal strife and external invasions.



GOLDEN EMPIRES OF WEST AFRICA



GHANA, MALI & SONGHAI EMPIRES

10th Grade 4rd Marking Period
History Notes

