



# West African Kingdoms

Timeline Cards

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# CHAPTER 1: The Ghana Empire



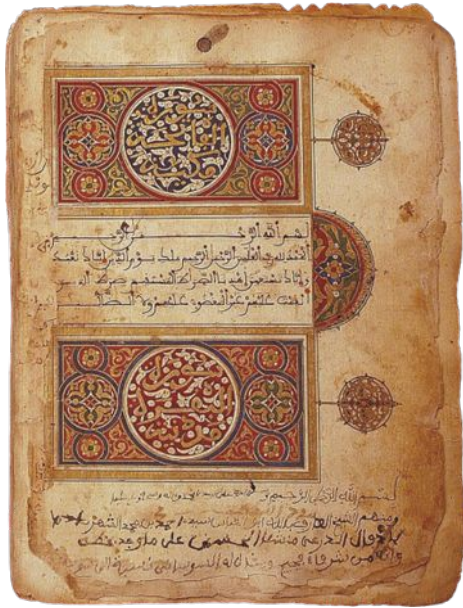
Trans-Saharan trade routes helped fuel the rise of the Ghana Empire in the 600s CE.

**Framing Question:** What characterized the African empire of Ghana?



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# CHAPTER 2: The Mali Empire

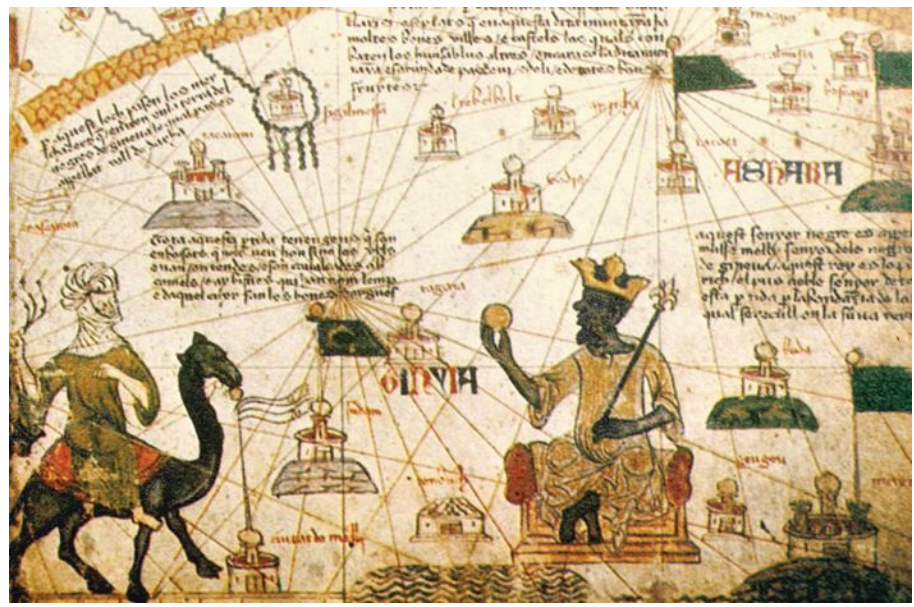
**Sundiata Keita established the kingdom of Mali in 1235 CE.**



**Framing Question:** How did strong leaders change West Africa?



# CHAPTER 2: The Mali Empire



**Mansa Musa (r. 1312–37 CE) was the most powerful ruler of the Mali Empire.**

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# CHAPTER 3: The Songhai Empire

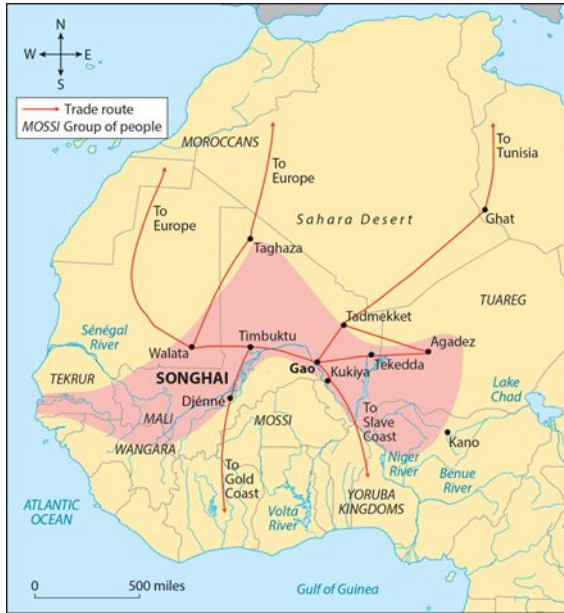


In 1468 CE, Songhai king Sunni Ali conquered what had once been the Mali Empire.

**Framing Question:** How was the Songhai Empire similar to and different from previous West African empires?



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