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African Kingdoms

Axum

* Located close to the Ethiopian Highlands and the Nile River
* Eastern Africa
* Christian kingdom

Zimbabwe

* Located close to the Zambezi and Limpopo Rivers and the Indian Ocean coast
* Southern Africa
* City of “Great Zimbabwe” as the capital of the prosperous empire

West African Kingdoms

* Location of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai Empires close to the Niger River and the Sahara
* **West Africa**
* Gold and salt were the two important goods for trans-Saharan trade routes across northern Africa
* City of Timbuktu as the center of trade and learning
* Islam spread to these empires and was an important factor in their power
* Animism (religious belief that all things have a soul)
* Mansa Musa
  + King of the kingdom of Mali who was EXTREMELY rich!
  + Introduced Islamic culture to Mali and spread wealth along his Hajj to Mecca