	History Africa Unit	NamePeriod
Object along t	ives: 1. Describe how Empires in Africa (Ghana, Mal	i, and Songhai) grew as commercial and cultural centers and explain the effects on both West and Central Africa and
Direct	ions: Use your notes to answer the following question	ons to prepare for the unit assessment.
	ne Notes Explain how geography affected the West African	empires in a positive and negative way.
2.	List the four major exports from West Africa and w	what they are used for.
3.	Describe the trans-Saharan slave trade.	
4.	Explain the effects of the trans-Saharan slave trad Europe and Asia.	e on both West Africa and the receiving societies like
5.	How were West African kingdoms ruled and how v	were they able to maintain their power?
6.	Explain a unique social characteristic that existed i	n West Africa.

Part Two Notes

7. List the three kingdoms of West Africa in chronological order.

8. What secret method was used to trade which two trade goods in West Africa early on and why?
9. Mansa Musa was the famously rich ruler of the Mali kingdom. In this kingdom, West Africa adopted what religion through peaceful trade? And what 7th-grade vocabulary word is this?
10. Identify various ways the West African empires became important commercial centers.
11. Identify various ways the West African empires became important <u>cultural</u> centers.
12. In what two ways was Askia the Great's government like our modern U.S. government?
13. Describe the connection between the kingdoms of West Africa and the northern Italian towns of the Renaissance.