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Organized Paragraph Assessment

Description: You will write an organized paragraph answering one of three questions.

Preparation:

- Create a notes sheet (no more than one page, double sided) that you can use during the assessment
- Your notes sheet should include specific details from the book that will help you to answer each question

Questions:

Empire of Ghana • How did the location of Ghana lead to it becoming an important trade center? • How did trade lead to a cultural shift in Ghana? (hint: religion)	Empires of Mali and Songhai • What were the most important ways that Mansa Musa's rule benefitted the Empire of Mali? • How did Askia Muhammad's strong rule help Songhai to become a great trade empire?
Kongo Kingdom • How did trade change once the Kongo Kingdom was in contact with the Portuguese? • How did the Portuguese weaken the leadership in the Kongo Kingdom?	Coastal Trading Cities • Why were monsoons important for trade? • Why were the Swahili people an important link between foreigners and inland African civilizations?
Great Zimbabwe • Why did the Shona people decide to settle in the area that later became Zimbabwe? • Why was gold mining important to Zimbabwe?	

Organization				
Demonstrate organized communication. 	I can use a basic structure to organize my thoughts, but there are inconsistencies in how I use this structure.	I can order my ideas, although in some places the relationships between my ideas may be unclear.	I can organize my ideas clearly with a <u>logical sequence</u> .	I can build connections and cohesiveness throughout the piece of work.

Beginning: ☐ Information in the paragraph is somewhat related to the question	Proficient: ☐ Answers the question accurately ☐ Strong topic sentence ☐ 3 details related to the topic sentence ☐ Concluding sentence
Emerging: ☐ The topic sentence begins to answer the question ☐ Some details are related to the topic sentence	Advanced: ☐ Uses a paragraph structure to thoroughly answer the question

Strengths:	Next Steps:

Organized Paragraph Assessment Notes Sheet

Question:

Details that will help me to answer this question:

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