**Unit 1 Africa in the Middle Ages**

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| **Introduction****Stateless Societies****Christian Kingdoms: Nubia and Ethiopia** **Grassland Kingdoms****Sudanic States****Empire of Mali and Sundiata and the “Lion Prince”****City Dwellers and Villages** **The Songhay Kingdom** **Political and Social Life in the Sudanic States**  | 1. **What are the common elements in African Societies.**
2. **What are the characteristics of a stateless societies.**
3. **What was the first universal religion in Africa?**
4. **Who were the Copts? Where did they spread to?**
5. **What king was responsible for spreading Christianity to Axum and Ethiopia?**

1. **How did Islam spread to west Africa?**
2. **What were the three important “coasts” or border regions?**
3. **The first powerful grassland state was?**
4. **What items did Ghana tax?**
5. **Who were the leaders of the Sudanic states?**
6. **How were the leaders viewed?**
7. **What group adopted Islam? What did Islam become known as a result?**

1. **What group of people formed the state of Mali?**
2. **What religion did the rulers support?**
3. **What was they economy based on?**
4. **Who were the Juula? What important item did they trade?**
5. **Who was Sundiata?**
6. **Most of what we know about Sundiata comes via oral tradition passed down by the…?**
7. **What famous Berber traveler traveled to Mali and recorded what he saw?**
8. **Who was Mansa Kankan Musa?**
9. **What is he famous for doing?**
10. **Who was Ishal al-Sahili and why was he invited to Mali?**
11. **Why were Jenne and Timbuktu important?**
12. **What did life in villages center around?**
13. **What became the symbol of the common people?**
14. **Where was the kingdom located?**
15. **By what century had Songhay converted to Islam?**
16. **Who was Sunni Ali? What did he do for Songhay?**
17. **Why were many Muslims such as Ibn Battuta uneasy with wat they saw in west Africa?**
18. **What group took control of the region after the defeat of the Songhay Kingdom**
19. **What new state/ city became the center of Islamic life in west Africa?**
20. **What provided solidarity?**
21. **Women and children were impact by what institution?**
22. **How did Muslims view slavery?**
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