**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?** |