Use the words in the word bank above to fill in the blanks below.

The ______________ were a tribe of people in West Africa that shared culture. They are important because they were the first group of people that were skilled _______________ in Africa and were able to make better tools for farming. The farming method they used is called ________________ farming. Eventually because of the expansion of the _______________ desert, increasing population, and decreasing farmland they _________________ to different parts of the continent. Although they were able to dominate tribes they met, the Bantu intermarried and lived with other groups rather than fighting to the death. The spread of their language and skills throughout Africa is evidence of ________________________________.

________________________ trade routes went from West Africa to different cities on the Mediterranean Sea. The two most important commodities that were traded were ______________ and ______________. From approximately 700-1076 the Empire of ______________ controlled these trade routes. Their main achievement was gaining control of the gold for salt trade. Later the Empire of ______________ gained control of these trade routes. They expanded their area of control so that they could ___________ gold and salt. One of the kings of this Empire was ________________ who became well known for his hajj. He spent so much ___________ during the journey that the economy of other areas were still affected 10 years later. The last Empire to control the trade routes was _______________. They are known for extending their control of the Trans-Saharan trade routes to the ______________. One city that became a center of learning was ______________.