

You will need to use the word "gold" twice.

West African Kingdoms Review

Ghana
population
Bantu
Timbuktu
mine
gold

gold
Songhai
ironworkers
migrated
Mansa Musa
Trans-Saharan

cultural diffusion
Mali
slash and burn
Mediterranean Sea

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 _____.