**Early African Civilizations Notes**

**Geography**

* What are the names of the two deserts in Africa? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What are the names of three rivers in Africa? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* There are also areas in Africa covered by grassy plains, called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**African Empires**

* Nubia came to power because they conquered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* List three things traded in Nubia: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Who were the founders of Axum? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* They conquered Nubia, and spread which religion? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Kingdoms of Africa**

* Ghana had a well trained army and had a lot of merchants that traded goods.
* What did they exchange? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Mali had a strong government that was led by a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ named Mansa Musa.
* The large trading city in Mali was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* On which river was Songhai located? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Which religion was practiced in this kingdom? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Society**

* The word Bantu describes a type of culture and a type of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* What kind of farming did they use? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* What does it mean? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Define Swahili: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Groups of extended family units are known as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ groups.
* The lineage could be matrilineal, traced through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or patrilineal, traced through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Culture**

* Who was responsible for passing down history? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* They played an instrument called a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, which was an early guitar.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a spider character in African trickster stories.

**Extension: Imagine that Mansa Musa was alive today. How would social media and technology have changed what we know about him? Use examples to support your ideas.**