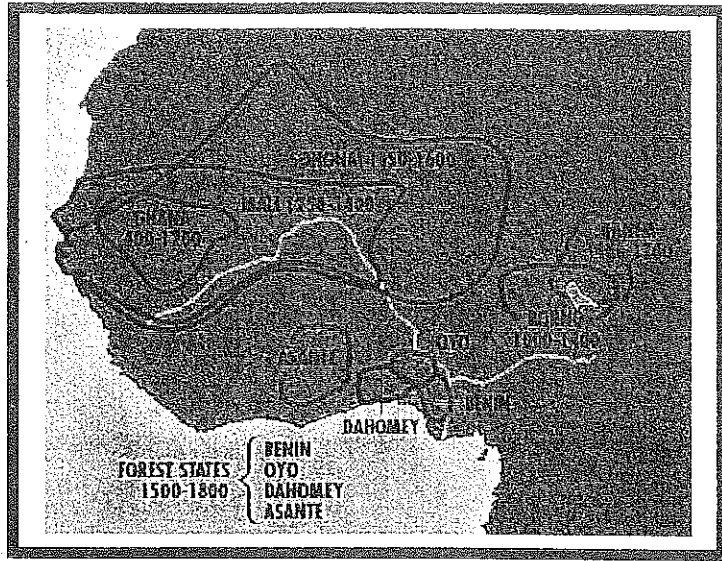


Directions: The following 16 statements describe or explain certain aspects of Kingdoms in West Africa.

However, these statements have been jumbled. You will need to identify which statement fits with which kingdom (Ghana, Mali or Songhai) and then put them in chronological order. The foundation of the kingdom should be located at the very top and continue down until that kingdom's decline.

1. Timbuktu was a leading center of learning and drew some of the best Muslim scholars.
2. Along with salt, gold dominated the trade in Ghana.
3. The king collected tolls on all goods entering or leaving his land.
4. The Songhai controlled all important trade routes.



5. Because it lacked modern weapons, this kingdom fell to a Moroccan Army.
6. Mansa Musa created an efficient government based on the teachings of Islam.
7. They eventually were overcome by the Kingdom of Mali.
8. Like Ghana, this kingdom's wealth was built on the gold-salt trade, although agriculture was its economic base.
9. In the 1400's, people broke away from Mali and built this kingdom.
10. They rose by taxing the salt and gold exchanged within its border.
11. Founded in 1235, by a Mandinka named Sundiata.
12. Although Sunni Ali followed traditional religious beliefs, his successor set up a Muslim dynasty.
13. Muslim merchants spread their Islamic faith throughout Ghana.
14. Lack of good rulers and the development of new goldmines in the east weakened the empire.
15. In 800, rulers of the Soninke people united to create this kingdom.
16. Sunni Ali expanded the Songhai Empire by military conquest.

The Kingdoms of West Africa

Ghana

Mali

Songhai

The graphic organizer consists of three columns, one for each kingdom: Ghana, Mali, and Songhai. At the top of each column is a header box containing the kingdom's name. Below each header is a vertical line that connects to a series of seven empty circles. These circles are arranged in a grid, with each circle in a row connected to the circles in the other two columns by horizontal lines. This structure allows for a side-by-side comparison of the three kingdoms across seven different categories or points of interest.