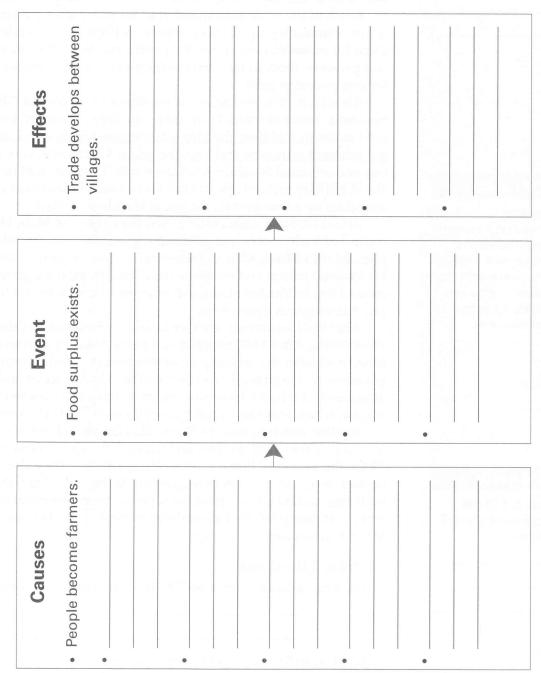
Note Taking Study Guide

KINGDOMS OF WEST AFRICA

Focus Question: How did the kingdoms of West Africa develop and prosper?

As you read this section in your textbook, complete the following flowchart to record the causes and effects related to the development of West African kingdoms.



	Section Summary KINGDOMS OF WEST AFRICA
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READING CHECK	After early farmers moved from the Sahara to more fertile lands to the
Who were the Hausa?	south, they began to produce more food than they needed, or a surplus. They were then able to trade surplus food for goods from other villages. A trade network developed that eventually connected Africa with Asia and Europe. Cities developed along the trade routes. Much of the trade exchanged gold for salt, each a valuable prod-
	uct or commodity . Gold was common in West Africa, while salt was plentiful in the Sahara. However, people needed salt to stay healthy and preserve food. In fact, traders might exchange one pound of salt for one pound of gold.
	About A.D. 800, the ancient West African kingdom of Ghana became a center of trade. From there, the king controlled the salt and gold trade. In addition, the king administered justice and other government activities, and kept the peace. Ghana was very prosperous and attracted Muslims from the north. They brought new ideas
VOCABULARY STRATEGY	about military technology and business. Later, Ghana was swal-
What does the word administered mean in the under-	lowed up by a new power, the rising kingdom of Mali. About 1235, Sundiata established the empire of Mali . He gained
lined sentence? It is related to	control of trade routes, the gold mining regions, and the salt sup-
the word <i>administration</i> . Think of where you may have heard either	plies. Mansa Musa , Mali's greatest ruler, came to power about 1312. He fostered justice and religious freedom. His pilgrimage to Mecca
word used before. Use this prior	created ties to Muslim states and brought Islamic scholars to Mali to
knowledge to help you write a definition of administered. READING SKILL	provide religious instruction. After Mali weakened, another kingdom, Songhai , developed in
	West Africa. After 1492, Songhai's emperor Askia Muhammad estab-
	lished a Muslim dynasty, expanded the territory, and improved the government. He strengthened ties to other Muslim states and built
	mosques and schools. However, internal conflicts weakened the
	empire, which was conquered by the sultan of Morocco around 1591. Smaller societies, such as Benin, also flourished in the region
	from A.D. 500 to 1500. In the rain forests of the Guinea coast in the
	1300s, the people of Benin built farming villages. They also traded pepper, ivory, and slaves to neighbors. At the same time, the Hausa
Identify Causes and Effects	built clay-walled cities. These cities grew into commercial centers,
Identify the cause and effect of	where artisans produced goods, and merchants traded with Arabs.
Songhai's decline.	Many Hausa rulers were women.
	Review Questions
	1. The king of Ghana controlled the trade of which two commodities
	2. What were Mansa Musa's contributions to Mali?

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