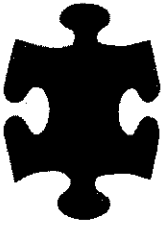


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Instructions: Read about your civilization and fill in the important information in your topic area. Listen to your peers and write down their notes too.

Group #1 - Topic: Aksu

Group #2 - Topic: N/W Africa

Group #3 - Topic: S/E Africa

East Africa [Ethiopia]

1000 BC - 710

Trade Middleman between Rome and India

Ezana brought to zenith & converted to Christianity

Had a written language developed terraces

clashed with Islam but remained Christian.

Summary:

Christian people who were the trade middleman between Europe and Asia in modern day Ethiopia.

1 Ghana

700 / 800 / Gold / salt
100 - Islam

2 Mali

1235 - 1400
gold
Mansa Musa (Muslim)
Built Timbuktu
T learn

3 Songhai E of Mali

1400 - 1591 Gold
lost due to lack of weapons

4 Hausa

- Niger 1000 - 1200
Salt, cotton - Green farm

5 Benin

- Yoruba people had art
- first w/ port. Rich

Summary:

Richest kingdoms in the world and centers of learning. Gold and salt were main trade items.

East Coast

- learned Blended culture
- had Swahili
- Ivory, gold traded
- Fight against Portugese
- Muslims sold slaves from East Coast

Great Zimbabwe

- city
- linked gold fields w/ coast
- 1200 - 1400
- 1450 people left. why.

Mtapa Empire

- 1420 - 1500
- wealth from gold
- ~~Kept from Portugese~~ Taken over by Portugese.

Summary:

Influenced by the Muslims. Gold traded made wealth. Interacted with the Portugese.

Group #4 - Topic: Mayans

Mayans Mexico / Central America
 850-900
 cities w/ God king and independent
 - structured social
 warriors/priests
 merchants/craft
 peasant farmers
 - Religion
 - center of society
 - calendar, mathematics, astronomy
 ↳ come from religion
 accurate like modern
 written system uses glyphs
 Don't know why declined

Summary: Early Mexican and Central American people who were socially structured and religious. ~~They~~ very accurate calendar and own writing system.

Group #5 - Topic: Aztecs

Aztecs
 100-750 other people
 City-state Teotihuacan
 - center of trade
 - traded obsidian
 - Pyramids
 - don't know why abandoned
 AZTEC 1488
 part of Triple Alliance
 trade control
 5-15 million bc
 Emperor like God (living)
 gov, priests, military
 commoners
 slaves
 Sacrificed blood
 Rebelled people in 1502
 ↳ how they controlled
 Spanish arrived during civil conflict

Summary: Early Mexican empire that was socially organized and deeply religious. Human sacrifices occurred in capital city. Built pyramids. Fell to the Spanish.

Group #6 - Topic: Incas

Inca
 united people in Andes area
 Leader was God
 ↳ from certain families
 1800-1500s
 could join empire via peace
 - used friendship over fear
 where possible
 Highly organized government
 - leaders swear loyalty
 - built extensive roads
 - gov building similar
 - speak their language
 - controlled economy
 - gov helped ~~people~~ less fortunate
 - Religion important
 - Conflict caused decline
 - Spanish entered

Summary: Large South American empire that built extensive roads and preferred peace to fighting. Deeply religious and highly structured. Lost to the Spanish.

Thesis Statement: