

WHI.10d in a Nutshell**African Kingdoms****East Africa**

- Axum

West Africa

- Ghana
- Mali
- Songhai

South Africa

- Zimbabwe

Axum

- Located near the **Ethiopian Highlands** and **Nile River**
- Ruled by a **king**
- Were **monotheistic** (believed in one supreme god)
- Practiced **animism** (belief that spirits inhabit everything)
- Later converted to **Christianity**
- Had a **written** language
- Used **terrace** farming and **irrigation** systems

Ghana

- Located near the **Niger River** and **Sahara Desert**
- Ruled by a **king**
- Economy based on the **gold-salt trade** on the **Trans-Saharan** trade route
- Practiced **animism** and **Islam**

Mali

- Located near the **Niger River** and **Sahara Desert**
- Ruled by a **emperor**, named **Mansa Musa**
- Economy based on the **gold-salt trade** on the **Trans-Saharan** trade route
- Practiced **Islam**
- Capital city was **Timbuktu** were many **mosques** and **universities** were built

Songhai

- Located near the **Niger River** and **Sahara Desert**
- Capital city was **Gao**
- Ruled by a **king**
- Economy based on the **gold-salt trade** on the **Trans-Saharan** trade route
- Practiced **Islam**

Zimbabwe

- Located near the **Zambezi** and **Limpopo** Rivers
- Ruled by a **king**
- Capital city was **Great Zimbabwe**