

CHAPTER
15

BUILDING VOCABULARY

*Societies and Empires
of Africa*

A. Matching Match the description in the second column with the term or name in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

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| ___ 1. Ghana | a. West African kingdom that grew wealthy from the gold trade and became an empire in the 1200s |
| ___ 2. Almoravids | b. first great leader of Mali |
| ___ 3. Mali | c. African language formed from a Bantu language and Arabic |
| ___ 4. Almohads | d. West African kingdom that grew wealthy by taxing goods carried by traders and that became an empire by about 800 |
| ___ 5. Sundiata | e. part of North Africa that is today the Mediterranean coast of Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco |
| ___ 6. Ibn Battuta | f. African historian who traveled through most of the countries in the Islamic world |
| ___ 7. Maghrib | g. group of Berbers who belonged to a strict Muslim brotherhood founded by Ibn Yasin |
| ___ 8. Swahili | h. group of Berber Muslim reformers who followed the teachings of Ibn Tumart |

B. Multiple Choice Circle the letter before the term or name that best completes the sentence.

- The city in southeastern Africa that became the capital of a thriving empire built on the gold trade between the 1200s and the 1400s was (a) Benin (b) Mali (c) Great Zimbabwe.
- The Muslim ruler of Mali who expanded the empire to about twice the size of the empire of Ghana was (a) Mutapa (b) Mansa Musa (c) Ibn Battuta.
- The West African empire that was built by Sunni Ali in the late 1400s was (a) Songhai (b) Benin (c) Ghana.
- The group of people who ruled city-states between 1000 and 1200 in what is today northern Nigeria were the (a) Hausa (b) Swahili (c) Mutapa.
- The group of people who built the kingdoms of Ife and Oyo in West Africa were the (a) Hausa (b) Yoruba (c) Swahili.
- The empire in southern Africa that was founded by Mutota to replace Great Zimbabwe was (a) Maghrib (b) Benin (c) Mutapa.

C. Writing Write a brief summary of the key features of stateless societies in Africa using the following terms.

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