

**CHAPTER**  
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**GUIDED READING** *West African Civilizations*

**Section 2**

**A. Analyzing Causes and Recognizing Effects** As you read about the empires and states that arose in West Africa, briefly note the causes or effects (depending on which is missing) of each situation.

Causes	Effects
1. Berbers discovered that camels could cover greater distances than other pack animals and could travel up to ten days without water.	
2. The Muslim Almoravids disrupted the gold-salt trade that Ghana had controlled.	
3.	The people of Mali, who lived in the region of the new trade routes, were able to seize power.
4.	The empire of Mali weakened.
5.	Moroccan troops quickly defeated the Songhai warriors.
6. The city-states of Kano and Katsina were located along the route that linked other West African states with the Mediterranean.	
7. The largest Yoruba kingdoms produced surplus food, which was sent to cities.	

**B. Summarizing** On the back of this paper, briefly identify each term or name.

**Sundiata**

**Mansa Musa**

**Ibn Battuta**

**Yoruba**

**Benin**