

AP World History
Essential Questions

Chapter 9 – Africa and the Spread of Islam

1. Why did the Sudanic states develop in the sahel and what advantages did they have?
2. How did African societies accommodate Islam and what was the effect of its spread across Africa?
3. How integrated into international commerce were the cities of East Africa, and why?
4. What kinds of political organization developed in central and southern Africa?
5. What were the products of Africa that attracted international trade and what did Africans want in return?
6. What are the “common elements” of African societies?
7. What were the Sudanic states, and how were they organized?
8. How did Islam and the beliefs of indigenous societies fuse among African peoples?
9. Compare the advantages and disadvantages of stateless societies and those with monarchies or other forms of hereditary rule.
10. Where did cultures in Africa develop that were not impacted by Islam? What was the nature of their organization?