

African Cultures of the Past

Name _____

Circle your assigned Kingdom from the following:

Mali
Coastal City States (Swahili)
Songhai
Kongo
Zimbabwe

The following are the four essential questions for this assignment:

1. **Social:** What were the major cultural groups and customs of the society?
2. **Geography:** How did geography influence the development of the society's culture?
3. **Political:** How did culture influence the political system?
4. **Economic:** How did the economic system open their culture to influence from the outside?

Students will research their assigned kingdom, using the following worksheets (included in the packet) to help organize information:

Focus Questions for essential questions
Research Graphic Organizer
Individual Scoring Sheet

Students will produce a written report approximately one page long.
Students will create a museum exhibit using the information that they have gathered.
Students will present their museum artifact to the class.

All information about the assignment and further resources can be found at:

http://www.mcps.k12.md.us/schools/tildenms/mediacenter/pathfinders/social_studies/africa/africal_in dex.htm

Due Dates:

Museum Exhibit / Artifact Approval		Thursday, 1/10/06
Graphic Organizer	16 points	Friday, 1/27/06
Written Report	32 points	Friday, 1/27/06
Museum Exhibit / Artifact	30 points	Friday, 1/27/06
Oral Presentation	12 points	Friday, 1/27/06 or Monday, 1/30/06
	90 points	

Parent Signature: _____

Comments, Questions, or Concerns: