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Mansa Musa Journey Book

Directions:

1. **Notes** and a colored picture on each page (2 notes plus picture per page)
2. Each **page** is worth 5 points
 - a. Notes
 - b. Picture
 - c. Creativity
 - d. Neatness – 2 points

3. **Pages:**

_____ Mansa Musa was the leader of the **Mali Empire for 25 years**. During that time, Mansa Musa brought **prosperity and stability** to Mali.

_____ His empire controlled the **lucrative salt and gold trades** of Africa, providing Mansa Musa with the money and power to expand his empire.

_____ He was a devoted **Muslim who practiced religious tolerance**. He built magnificent mosques throughout Mali.

_____ Mali was recognized among the leading trade centers throughout **Africa**, the **Middle East and the Mediterranean Coast**.

_____ In 1324, he organized a **pilgrimage (hajj) to Mecca**.

_____ Estimates of the size of Mansa Musa's **caravan** vary based on the source:

Camels: 60 to 100 with 100 to 300 pounds of gold each, People: 50,000 to 100,000

_____ The **pilgrimage** is said to have included 12,000 slaves, 500 of whom each carried a solid gold staff.

_____ He helped improve the status of **Timbuktu**, the famous religious and learning center of West Africa. Timbuktu became a meeting place for scholars and artists.

_____ Some reports say that Mansa Musa spent so much **gold** in Egypt that its **value fell** and did not recover for a number of years.

_____ He brought back to Mali an Arabic library, for **religious scholars and architects**.

