

Name: _____ Period: _____

Songhai

Answer the following questions in C- Notes in your notebook.

1. Describe the **location**
 - a. Compare in **size** to the other kingdoms

2. Describe skills **Sonni Ali** had that made him a successful ruler
 - a. How did he use the **Niger River** to his advantage
 - b. Name his **successor**

3. Why was Timbuktu such a strong city
 - a. List the places **goods** came from
 - b. What was the most expensive item in the **markets** of Timbuktu
 - c. Name the **religion** that began to gain control of the areas north of the Niger R.

4. Describe how the kingdom **declined** – 3 reasons

Answer the following on the worksheet:

5. African rivers had many rapids or cataracts that prevented invasion. The fast moving rivers also had negative impacts on the civilization. How could these rivers impact trade and communication? (2 points)

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List the 3 western **African Kingdoms in order** of existence _____

Which kingdom covered the **most territory**? _____

