

Unit 2 - Networks of Exchange

Topic 2.4 - Trans-Saharan Trade Routes

Thematic Focus: Governance (GOV)

A variety of internal and external factors contribute to state formation, expansion, and decline. Governments maintain order through a variety of administrative institutions, policies, and procedures, and governments obtain, retain, and exercise power in different ways and for different purposes.

Essential Questions: *In what ways did the growth of the Mali empire in West Africa impact Afro-Eurasia trade and communication as the expansion of the Trans-Saharan trade route connected more societies?*

Learning Objective	Historical Developments (KC's)	Study Guide Notes on Historical Developments (KC)
<p>Explain how the expansion of empires influenced trade and communication over time.</p> <p>Gold, Salt, & Slaves: Strayer p. 303-305</p>	<p>KC 3.1.I.E.ii The expansion of empires—including Mali in West Africa—facilitated Afro-Eurasian trade and communication as new people were drawn into the economies and trade networks.</p>	
<p>Response to learning objective:</p>		

Thematic Focus: Technology and Innovation (TEC)

Human adaptation and innovation have resulted in increased efficiency, comfort, and security, and technological advances have shaped human development and interactions with both intended and unintended consequences.

Essential Question: *What technological factors led to the growth of the Trans-Saharan trade routes and in what ways did those technologies encourage the expansion both the volume and geographic reach of trade?*

Learning Objective	Historical Developments (KC's)	Study Guide Notes on Historical Developments (KC)
<p>Explain the causes and effects of the growth of trans-Saharan trade.</p> <p>Sand Roads: Strayer p. 301-305</p>	<p>KC 3.1.II.A.ii The growth of interregional trade was encouraged by innovations in existing transportation technologies.</p> <p>KC 3.1.I.A.iv Improved transportation technologies and commercial practices led to an increased volume of trade and expanded the geographical range of existing trade routes, including the trans-Saharan trade network.</p>	

Response to learning objective:

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Illustrative Examples	Notes - Significance (how does each help answer the Essential Question) & Theme
Camel Saddle & its effect on trade networks	
Impact of caravans on the growth of trans-Saharan trade	