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Ghana, Mali, and Songhai dominated West Africa

one after the other from 300 to 1600 A.D.

Ghana, Mali, and Songhai were located in the western region of Africa, south of the Sahara Desert near the Niger river.

Ghana, Mali, Songhai became powerful by controlling trade in West Africa.

The Portuguese carried goods from Europe to West African empires, trading metals, cloth, and other manufactured goods for gold.

**Essential Understanding:** African people and African goods played an important role in increasing European interest in world resources.