

AFRICAN KINGDOMS

AXUM

- * Located in Eastern Africa near the Ethiopian highlands and the Nile River
- * Christianity was the major religion

ZIMBABWE

- * Located along the Zambezi and Limpopo Rivers and the coast of the Indian Ocean
- * City of "Great Zimbabwe" was the capital
- * Zimbabwe was a very prosperous empire

WEST AFRICAN KINGDOMS

- * 3 empires (Ghana, Mali, Songhai) all located near the Niger River and close to the Sahara Desert
- * Traded their gold for salt in trans-Saharan trade
- * City of Timbuktu was major center for learning and trading
- * Islam was dominant religion