

Mansa Musa

Vocabulary

Write the definition of each word as you read about it.

WEALTHY:

EMPIRE:

NATURAL RESOURCES:

INFLATION:

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Inferencing

We can infer what a new word means by using the words around it, as well as what we already know about what we are reading. Use what you know to infer what the following words in the text mean:

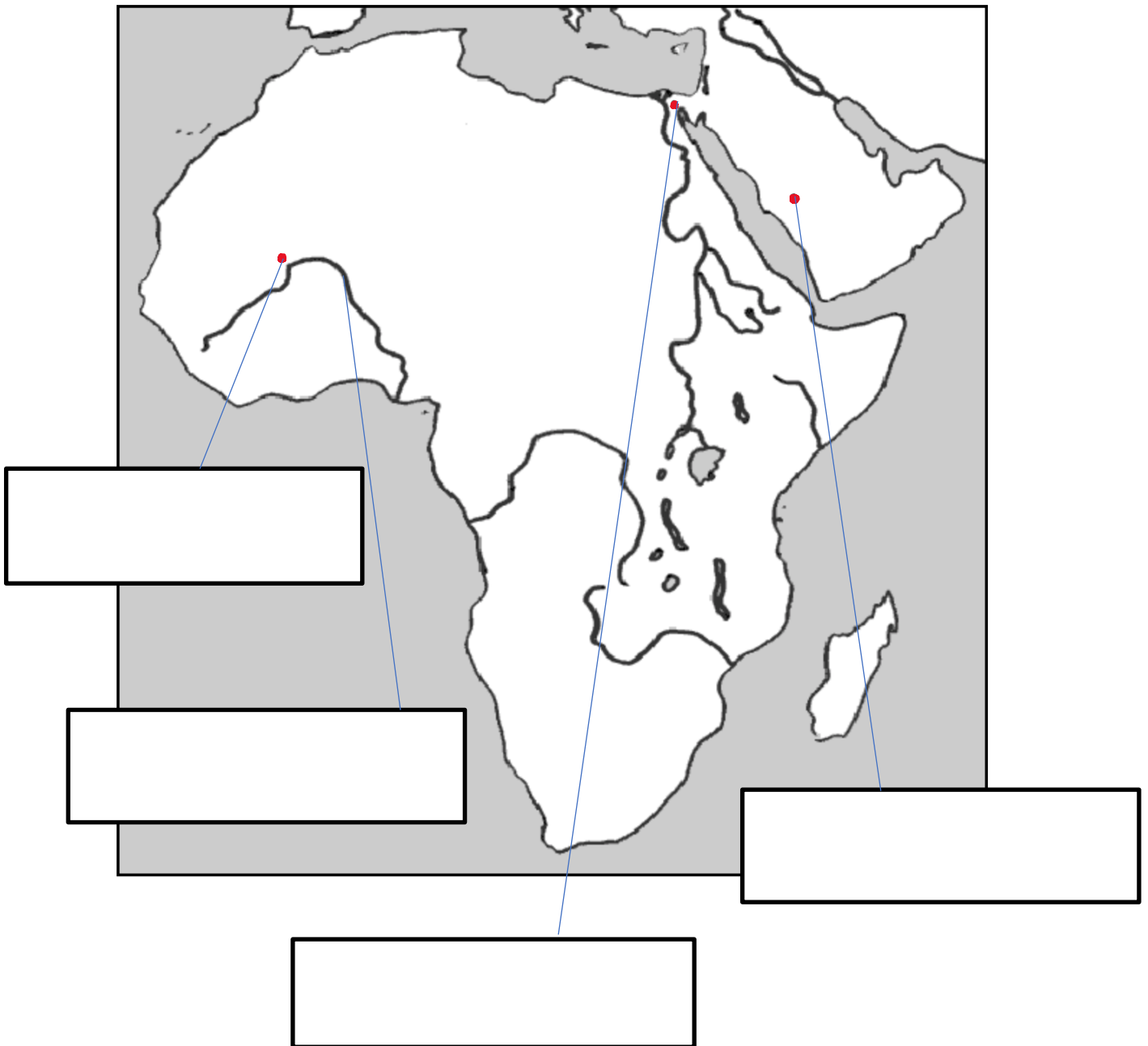
FLOURISH:

MANUSCRIPT:

Route to Hajj

Label the following in the map:

Timbuktu Cairo Mecca Niger River



Zakat Calculation

Mansa Musa was a devout Muslim and lived his life in accordance to Islam. Muslims pay *zakat*, or a tax to support the poor, every year on their wealth. This tax is 2.5% of their total wealth.

Write 2.5% as a decimal. Show your work.

Mansa Musa's wealth is estimated to have been around \$4,000,000,000. Calculate how much zakat he would have paid on his wealth. Show your work.

Find Out More!

There is so much more to learn about Mansa Musa and the Mali Empire! Choose a topic to research and present to the class.

Research and map trade routes in and out of Mali. What countries did Mali trade with and what goods did they receive?

What are some great achievements of the Mali Empire? Write a paper outlining them!

Create a detailed, poster sized map of Mansa Musa's journey to Mecca, marking the path he took.

What caused the Mali Empire to fall? Create a PowerPoint presentation with your information.

What was life like for the average person in the Mali Empire? Create a vlog from the point of view of a Malian resident!

Research how the Djinguereber Mosque was built and create a model of it. Present your research to your class.

For the Teacher

These worksheets and digital book are meant to be a surface level intro to the life of Mansa Musa, with the hope that students will be inspired to learn more about his life.

The vocabulary worksheets are meant to be completed while reading the digital book.

Allow your students access to maps and globes during this study. Be sure to familiarize them with components of maps so that they can calculate distances and the size of the Mali Empire. It is important for students to understand the geography of the African continent and its countries.

Resources used

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