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THE GHANA KINGDOM AND IT EMPIRE



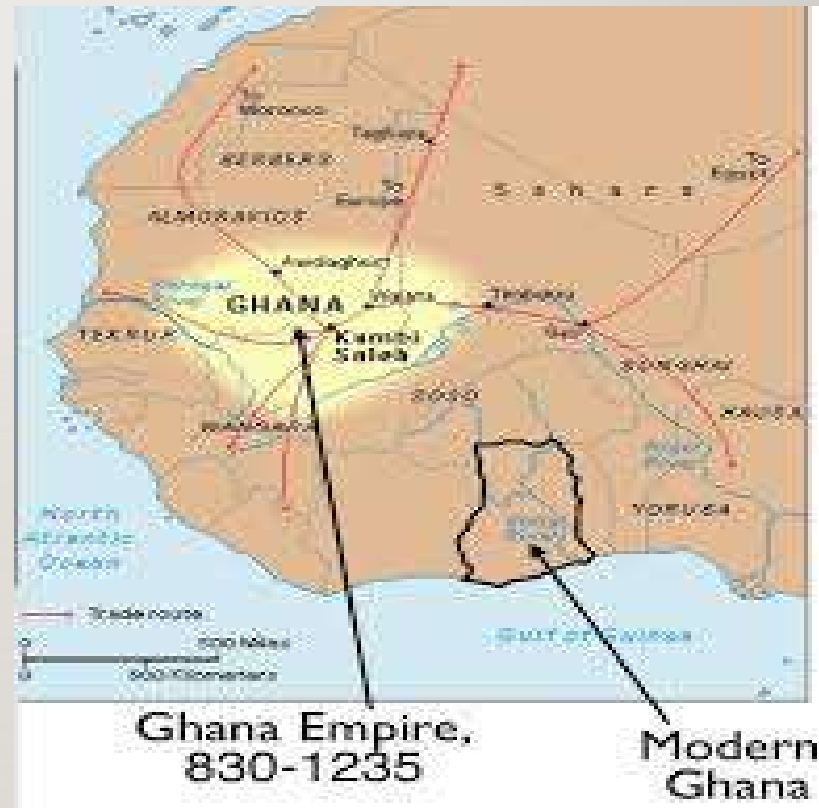
HOW THE NAME GHANA CAME ABOUT

THE SONINKE PEOPLE USE THE WORD GHANA FOR THEIR KINGS, WHICH MEANS A WARRIOR KING. PEOPLE LIVING OUTSIDE OF THE EMPIRE USED THE WORD WHEN REFERRING TO THE REGION. THE SONINKE PEOPLE ACTUALLY USED A DIFFERENT WORD WHEN REFERRING TO THEIR EMPIRE. THEY CALLED IT WAGADU



THE GHANA EMPIRE

THE GHANA EMPIRE WAS CALLED WAGADU, AND WHICH WAS IN THE SOUTHEASTERN MAURITANIA, WESTERN MALI, AND EASTERN SENEGAL.



THE GHANA EMPIRE CAPITAL

- GHANA EMPIRE CAPITAL WAS BELIEVED TO KOUMBI SALEH ON THE RIM OF THE SAHARA DESERT. FOLLOWING THE DESCRIPTION OF THE TOWN LEFT BY AL-BAKRI IN 1067 AND 1068, THE CAPITAL WAS TWO CITIES, BUT THEY MERGED INTO ONE.



GOVERNMENT OF THE GHANA EMPIRE

- THE GHANA EMPIRE WAS RULED BY DINGA CISSE FROM 300 TO 1100 CE. THE GHANA FORMED WHEN A NUMBER OF TRIBES OF THE SONINKE PEOPLE WERE UNITED. BUT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE EMPIRE WAS A FEUDAL GOVERNMENT WITH LOCAL KINGS WHO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE HIGH KINGS..



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE GHANA EMPIRE

GHANA'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WAS BASICALLY GENERATED THROUGH GROWTH OF REGULAR AND INTENSIFIED TRANS-SAHARAN TRADE IN GOLD, SALT, AND IVORY, WHICH ALLOWED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LARGER URBAN TO GAIN CONTROL OVER DIFFERENT TRADE ROUTES.



GHANA EMPIER CULTURE

- THE LANGUAES SPOKEN IN GHANA WERE SONINKE AND MANDE.THERE WERE TRADITIONAL RELIGIONS THAT WERE PRACTICED BUT ISLAM GRATLY SPREAD THRIUGHOUT GHANA AND INFLUENCED THE CULTURE OF GHANA. MUSLIM MERCHANTS FROM THE SAHARA BROUGH THEIR TO GHANA. ISLAM SPREAD VERLY SLOWLY AT FIRST.



THE FALL OF GHANA EMPIRE

- IN THE 1050 CE, THE GHANA EMPIRE CAME UNDER PRESSURE BY THE MUSLIMS TO THE NORTH TO BECOME ISLAM. BUT THE KING OF GHANA REFUSE AND DUE TO THE CONSTANT ATTACKS FROM THE NORTHERN AFRICA. A GROUP CALLED THE SUSU BROKE FREE OF GHANA. AND GHANA WEAKENED UNTIL IT EVENTUALLY BECAME PART OF THE MALI EMPIRE.



THE DECLINE AND COLLAPSE OF THE GHANA EMPIRE

- AS THE EMPIRE DECLINED IT WAS INCORPORATED INTO THE MALI EMPIRE IN THE 13TH CENTURY. THE FOUNDER OF THE MALI EMPIRE MANSA MUSA AND IN 1957, THE GOLD COAST BECAME THE FIRST COUNTRY IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA TO GAIN INDEPENDENT FROM THE COLONIAL RULE, IT RENAMED ITSELF GHANA IN HONOR OF THE LONG GAIN EMPIRE.



AFTER INDEPENDENT

AFTER INDEPENDENT, DR. KWAME NKRUMAH BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF GHANA. THAT WAS WHEN HE CAME BACK FROM LINCOLN UNIVERSITY TO MAKE GHANA GAIN INDEPENDENCE AND ON THE JULY 1st, 1960, GHANA BECAME A REPUBLIC.

