

# The Mali Empire

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# The history of the Mali Empire

- The Mali Empire was founded in the year 1235.
- The founder of the Mali Empire was a man named Sundiata Kieta.
- Sundiata Kieta's family was killed by Sumanguru Kante, the King of the SoSo kingdom.
- After defeating Sumanguru Kante in 1235, Sundiata Kieta officially created the Mali Empire.

- In 1240 the Mali Empire took over the Ghana Empire
- By taking over the Ghana Empire, the Mali Empire gained control over the many gold trade routes that the Ghana empire had previously controlled
- This led to Mali becoming one of the largest empires in Africa.
- There were many notable rulers of the Mali empire but one of the most famous rulers is Mansa Musa the first.
- Known as one of the richest men in the world, Mansa Musa was also very wise.
- Mansa Musa built many buildings in Timbuktu, one of them being the Great Mosque (1327). Timbuktu also became one of the leading learning centers in the Islamic world.

# Abubakari II

- Abubakari II was also another King of the Mali empire and he sent ships to South America long before Columbus.
- There are many rumors saying that the first ships did land in South America, but there is nothing to prove this unfortunately.



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- After Mansa Musa's rule, there were many internal divisions in the Mali Empire, which led to the loss of control of their borders .
- Mansa Mari Djata II gained control back for the royal family by taking the throne from a man named Mahmud, who was not a royal prince from Mali.
- Mansa Mari Djata II was not a very good ruler, and his rule brought chaos to Mali.
- Mari Djata was a minister who took power and brought peace back to Mali.
- Due to the unstable monarchy the Mali empire's power weakened greatly.

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- Due to the weakened state of the Mali empire, when the Songhai Empire invaded they were taken over.
- In 1610 the Songhai Empire assimilated the Mali Empire into the Songhai Empire.

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- During the Scramble for Africa Mali was colonised by France.
- During the late 1800s France colonized Mali(Songhai) and created what was known as French Sudan.
- France also colonised various regions in Africa, one of them being Senegal.
- In 1959 Senegal and French Sudan formed the Mali Federation, and together they gained independence on July 20th, 1960.
- After gaining independence, Mali had it's first President, a man named Modibo Keita.
- Modibo Keita was overthrown by Moussa Traore
- This led to the Traore regime which laste until the late 1980s.

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- The Traore regime refused a full democracy.
- The rise in ethnic violence led to the opposition of the Traore regime
- In 1991 a coup occurred and Alpha Oumar Konare became president.
- Today the President of Mali is Ibrahim Boubacar Keïta.
- He marks a return to democracy after.

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