13-2 Notes

* Kings in Africa settled arguments, managed trade, and protected the empires ---- expecting complete obedience in return.
* Clan – a group of people descended from the same ancestors.
* In Ghana, the throne went to the king’s nephew.
* Sundiata was the ruler of Mali who put generals in charge of his provinces.
* Mansa Musa, another great king of Mali, rewarded his citizens with gold, land and horses to keep them loyal.
* Mansa Musa also granted military heroes with the “National Honor of the Trousers” (The bigger the better – sewn clothes)
* Most African groups believed in the idea of one supreme god, but continued with their own religious practices.
* Sultan – a leader
* Swahili – means “people of the coast” – refers to the culture and language which exist in East Africa
* Islam impacts Africa: advanced learning, introduced the Arabic language, spread Islamic laws and influenced African art and building