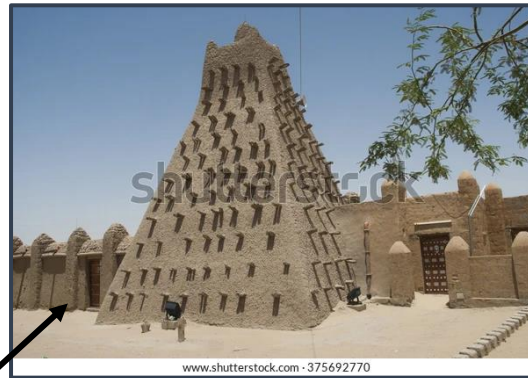
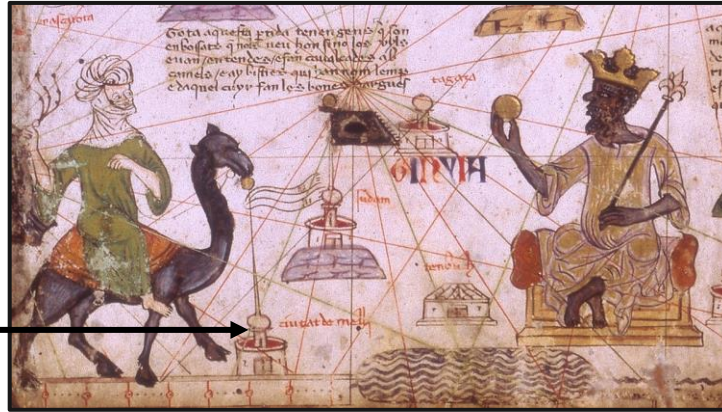


# Unit 4 The Empire of Mali

## A. Keywords:

1. Hajj	A religious journey to Mecca.
2. Ambitious	A strong desire or determination to succeed.
3. Annexation	To add a conquered territory to your own territory
4. Architecture	Designing and construction of different and new types of buildings.
5. Astrology	The discovery and recordings of space, stars and planets.
6. Catalan Atlas	A map from Mali which had Mansa Musa's Empire at its heart.
7. Desert	Vast land of sand, such as the Sahara Desert in Africa.
8. Emperor	The leader of an empire.
9. Empire	Lands, or many states, that is ruled over by one leader.
10. Legacy	How someone, or something, is remembered.
11. Mansa	Sultan or Emperor.
12. Medieval	The time period, as known in Europe, when Mansa Musa lived.
13. Mosque	An Islamic religious building of worship.
14. Pilgrimage	A religious journey.
15. Sankore Madrasah	Centre of intellectual learning at Timbuktu, including the biggest library since Alexandria.
16. Slaves	People who were not free.
17. Trans-Saharan trade route	A trade route that spread across the Sahara desert in Africa



## B. Key dates:

1230	Sundiata Keita founds the Mali Empire
1280	Mansa Musa is born
1307	Mansa Musa becomes Emperor
1324	Mansa Musa pilgrimages to Mecca
1325	Sankore Madrasah (library) was extended in Timbuktu after Mansa Musa's visit
1330s	Mansa Musa dies (we don't know the exact date)
1600	The end of the Malian Empire

## C. Key people:

1. Al-Umari	African historian who recorded stories about Mansa Musa's time in Cairo.
2. Al-Sahili	A Spanish poet and architect who accompanies Mansa Musa back from Mecca
3. Mansa Maghan	Mansa Musa's son and the next Emperor of Mali.
4. Mansa Musa	Emperor of Mali, famous for being 'the wealthiest man to have lived'.
5. Sundiata Keita	Founder of the Malian Empire.

## D. Key Places:

1. Cairo	An important city in Egypt that Mansa Musa stayed at on his way to Mecca.
2. Gao	An important trade centre of the Mali Empire.
3. Mali Empire	A West African Islamic Empire, 13 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup> Century, it had vast wealth, with gold & salt mines.
4. Mecca	The holiest city of Islam, in the Middle East, where Mansa Musa travelled to.
5. River Niger	Mansa Musa extended the Mali Empire around this river.
6. Timbuktu	Intellectual centre and trade (salt, gold, ivory and slaves) centre of the Mali Empire.
7. West Africa	The vast region covering a large part of the Sahara Desert.