Mr. Beckett

Timbuktu Assignment

Use the websites below to answer the questions that come after the website listed. You can find a copy of this assignment in “Mr. Beckett’s Drop Folder” on the student drive – the same place you go to access your personal folder on the sjo network.

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2003/05/photogalleries/timbouctu/photo6.html>

Pictures/map of West Africa.

1. Relatively speaking, where is Timbuktu located? Describe the geography that surrounds Timbuktu.
2. What is the style of clothing the people of this region wear? Why do you think they wear these types of clothes?
3. Describe the architecture and speculate why the structures and building materials are used instead of wood or concrete.
4. What does the 500 year old document tell you about the region? What is the name of the man holding the document? What does this tell about the religion/ethnicity of the area?

<http://africa.si.edu/exhibits/resources/mali/index.htm>

What are the 3 ancient empires of West Africa, and when did these empires exist?

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2.

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What 2 seasons does this portion of Africa experience weather-wise?

Who is *Rihlah*? What importance is a written record of his travels?

What 2 precious resources were traded between the early kingdoms?

How did Islam change West African society?

What were the 3 largest cities, or “active commercial centers” of the West African Kingdoms?

What did Mansa Musa do in 1324? Describe how wealthy he was. Why showcase all that wealth?

What structures were built that became synonymous with the cities?

What materials were used to construct the 3rd mosque of Djenne? What adorns the top of the spires?