

Empire of Ghana

Empire of Mali

Empire of Songhai

Key Points

Beginning

The Soninke people banded together to keep nomads from taking their lands and water. Once they banded together, they were Ghana.

Trade

Ghana became a huge center for trade. Items that were traded included salt, gold, sheep, cattle, honey, leather, cloth, and golden threaded tassels.

Fact

Ghana's rulers taxed traders on the goods they came in to trade and on the goods they left with that they traded for.

Decline

The Ghana Empire ended for three reasons. These reasons were invasion from the Almoravids, overgrazing by the Almoravids' herds, and internal rebellion.

The Empire of Ghana summarization

The Empire of Ghana was in west africa and lasted from the 7th to the 13th century. It was a great city for trade and conducted silent barter for the salt and gold trade.

Under King Tunka Manin, the empire reached its height and had great wealth. Also, it had a powerful army that was able to keep traders safe from bandits. Unfortunately, because of invasion, overgrazing, and internal rebellion, the empire ceased to exist.