

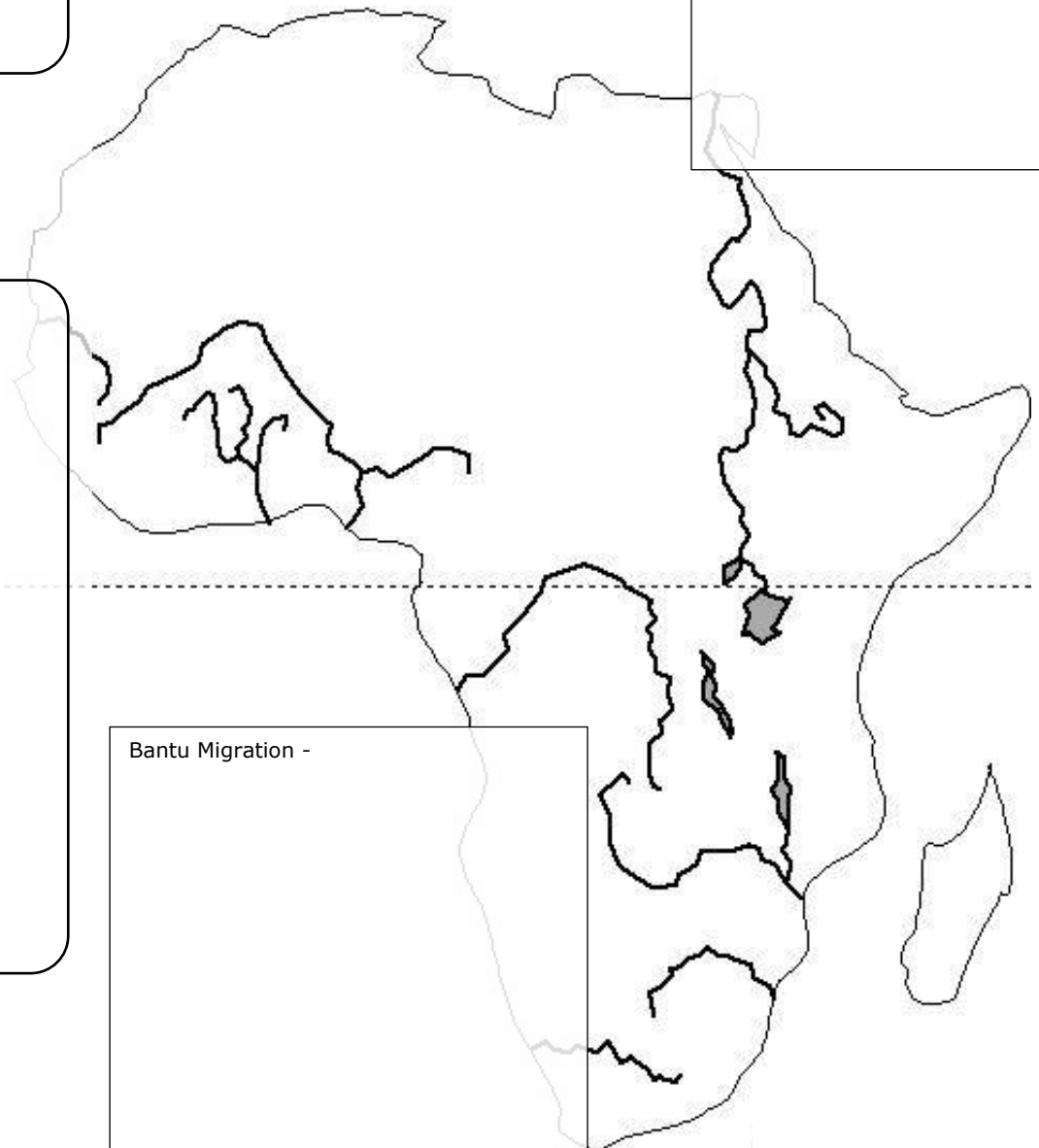
Ghana

The Spread of Islam -

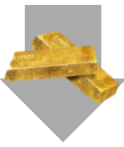
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Mali



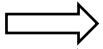
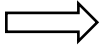
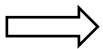
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Key

- Trans-Saharan Routes 
- Spread of Islam 
- Kingdom of Ghana
- Mali Empire
- Songhay Empire
- Bantu Migration 
- Great Zimbabwe
- Swahili City States

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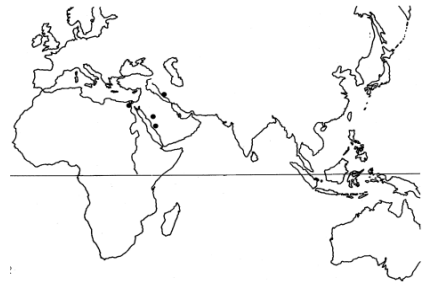
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Document 4 – TED Ed Video – “Who built Great Zimbabwe? And Why?” Breeanna Elliot

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