

Evolution of African States and Internal Slavery; African-European Encounters

1. Africa's Physical Environment
 - a. 3 and a half times larger than the US
 - b. 5 distinct climate areas
 - c. diseases brought from others help shape what Africa is today
2. Mitochondrial "Eve"
 - a. all the people alive 150,000 years ago were from African DNA
 - b. linked it back to an African woman who is claimed to be the mother of all modern humans
 - c. hold the origins of the modern man
3. Language Families
 - a. 1000-2000 languages in Africa
 - i. Niger-Congo
 - ii. Nilo-Saharan
 - iii. Hamito-Semitic (Afro-Asiatic)
 - iv. Khosian
 - v. Austroasian
4. Ancient African Kingdoms
 - a. Egypt
 - i. cultural development
 - ii. center of trade along Nile
 - iii. trade gold, silver, and grains with high demands
 - b. Songhai
 - i. along Niger river
 - ii. big on short and long distance trade
 - iii. gold, salt, ivory
 - iv. strong military force
 - c. Yoruba
 - i. major trade of copper, cloths, palm oil, slaves
 - ii. strong military
 - iii. Oyo Empire developed there
 - iv. developed rich artistic heritage such as sculptures
5. Slavery in Africa
 - a. domestic slavery (homes)
 - b. working to pay off a debt
 - c. captives of a war

- d. military slavery pressing slavery by gov
- e. from a criminal act
- f. temporary conditions
- g. children's future not dependent on their parents if they were slaves

6. **African-European Encounters**

- a. Europeans in search of trade routes to control the economy
- b. wanted to spread their religion(Christianity)
- c. destructive outcome between them
- d. Europeans had very few goods that Africans wanted (made Africans in charge
- e. trans-atlantic trading- Europeans tried to get the upper hand in things and get in control of the Kongo, according to Thorton
- f. Thorton - unequal relationship between portugal and africans

7. **Kingdom of Kongo**

- a. Alfonzo agreed to African's idea of slavery in trading, not the European's ideas???
 - i. embraced culture, Christianity, and condemn to violence
- b. not hereditary
- c. Europeans did take advantage of the trade system that was detrimental to African societies out of their harsh ways