**Chapter 18 Reading Guide: States of Societies of Sub-Saharan Africa.** Directions: As you read pages 371-388, answer the following questions thoroughly.

**Terms:**

Bantu:

Jenne-jeno:

Chiefdom:

Kongo:

Gao:

Ghana:

Sundiata:

Mali:

Mansa Musa:

Swahili:

Great Zimbabwe:

Zanj Revolt:

Axum:

Ethiopian Christianity:

**Reading Guide:**

Describe the effects of the Bantu migrations.

Describe the political structures of the Bantu societies of Sub-Saharan Africa.

Why was the use of the camel significant?

Why was the kingdom of Ghana an important commercial site?

Where and how did Islam spread to Sub-Saharan Africa? How was it different?

How did Mansa Musa influence the development of Mali?

How did trade transform the Swahili city-states?

What role did Great Zimbabwe play in the trade networks of Africa?

How did East African rulers use conversion to Islam as a political advantage? Use examples.

How did East African rulers use conversion to Islam as an economic advantage? Use examples.

What did slavery look like in Africa before the 800s? After?

Describe the common characteristics of traditional African religions.

**Big Picture Questions (Answer in 3-4 sentences for each question)**

1. What roles did African cities play in their societies during the post-classical era?

2. How did social and labor systems develop during the post-classical era in Africa?

3. What pre-existing labor systems continued through the post-classical era in Africa?

4. How did social and gender hierarchies develop in the post-classical era in Africa?

5. What new forms of governance emerged in the post-classical era in Africa?

6. What technological and cultural exchanges did states encourage in the post-classical era in Africa?

7. How did some gender roles and family structures in Africa change in the post-classical era?

8. What new technologies, governmental policies, and merchant activities accompanied new developments?

9. What new technologies enabled the growth of inter-regional trade networks?

10. What factors encouraged commercial growth in the post-classical era in Africa?

11. What were the effects of migration in the post-classical era in Africa?

12. What were the effects of African migration in the post-classical era?

13. What institutions did merchants create to foster both trade and cultural diffusion in the post-classical era?

14. How did post-classical trade affect the diffusion of literary, artistic, and cultural traditions?

15. How did post-classical trade affect the diffusion of scientific and technological traditions?