



Title: The Kingdom of Ghana

Grade Level: 5

Subject: ELA & Social Studies

Keywords: Ghana, West African Kingdoms

Lesson Plan:	The History of the West African Kingdom Ghana
Subject:	American History
Grade:	5
Description/ Abstract of Lesson	The students will study the history of the First Three West African Kingdoms.
SS.3.A.1.3	Student will be able to define terms related to the social sciences.
LAFS.3.W.3.7	Conduct short research projects that build knowledge about a topic.
Objective(s):	Students will be able to identify and discuss the History and Kingdome of Ghana.
Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Informational Sheets that are available in the lesson ● Computer for technology assistance
Duration:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 1 class period
Lesson Lead In/ Opening:	Introduce lesson by showing pictures of Ghana and complete Where in the World is Ghana Access the reading of Where in the World is Ghana, click Here Have students watch the video Ancient West African Kingdoms click Here
Activity 1:	Have students to view the video The Aksum Kingdom: Trade and Ancient Africa; Africans Great Civilizations. Click Here to access the video. Have students to discuss the findings of the video.
Activity 2:	As a lesson opener, have students watch this video, "the History of Ethiopia and Axum kingdoms," Click Here . Have students create a timeline including important factors that led to the rise of the Kush and Axum Empire. Click Here to access office timeline developer.
Higher Order Thinking Questions and Quiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the precious metal that contributed to the wealth of Ghana? • Ghana gained much of its wealth from? • Students are to complete the online quiz as a group activity. To access the quiz, click Here •
Suggested Books:	The Royal Kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, and Songhay: Life in Medieval Africa
Web Resources	www.ghanaembassy.or.jp/general/native.html