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**A Trading Empire: Chapter 3, Section 1 Questions**

**You will need to answer the following questions on your own sheet of paper.**

**Key Vocabulary- Define the following terms.**

* Plateau-
* Savanna-
* Labor specialization-
* Trans- Saharan-

**Answer each question in a complete sentence.**

1. Why did people in West African prefer the camel to the horse?

2. List and describe the three climate zones mentioned in the book.

3. Explain the importance of the Niger and Senegal Rivers.

4. List the natural resources that Africa provides and then explain the importance of each.

5. People in West Africa began making iron in Nok. Describe how the use of iron improved the lives of the people who lived in this area.

6. Explain what led to labor specialization.

7. Identify the Sisse clan and the Soninke clan.

8. Why did the people of Ghana enslave people?

9. What were the products that Arab and Berber traded?

10. How did the Trans- Saharan trade benefit people in North and West Africa?

11. How did the Kings of Ghana control the gold supply?

12. Explain reasons why Ghana was able to prosper?

13. List the five reasons that led to the decline of Ghana.

14. Describe how the Almoravid invasion impacted Ghana.