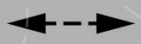

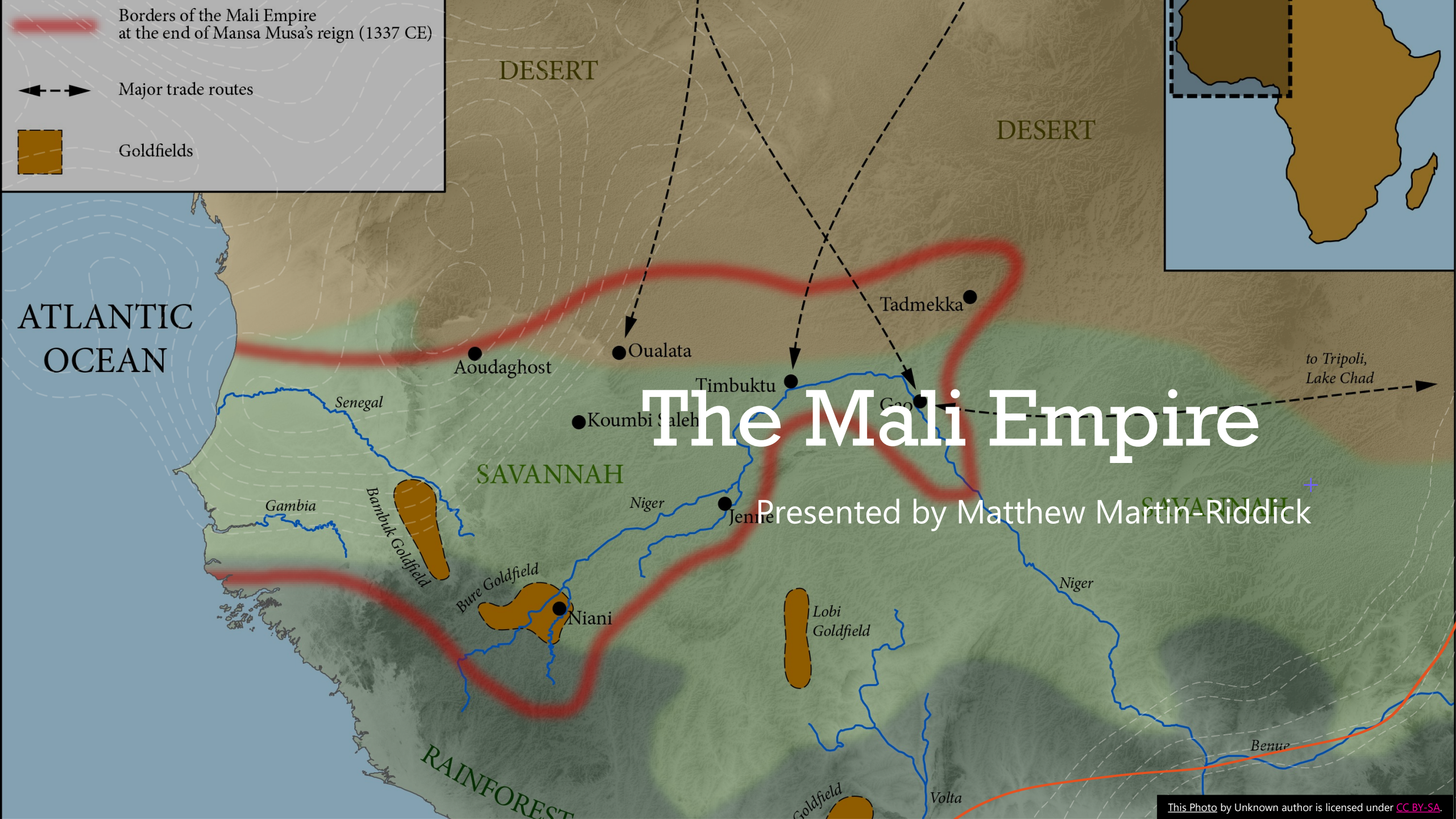
 Borders of the Mali Empire at the end of Mansa Musa's reign (1337 CE)  
 Major trade routes  
 Goldfields



# The Mali Empire

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# Introduction

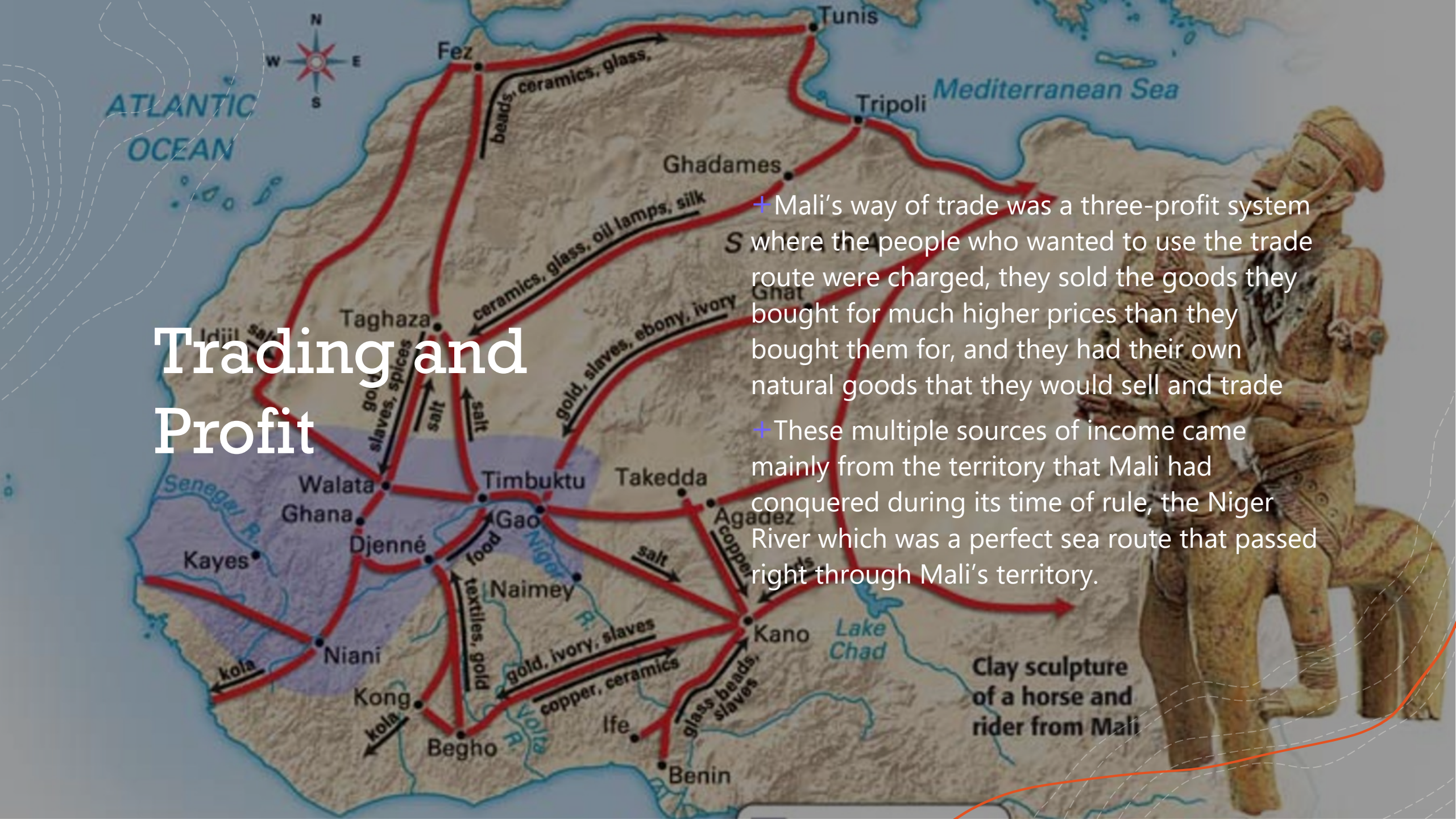
- + Sundiata Keita a Malinke prince whose name meant lion prince began war with the Sosso empire in the 1230's and would gain assistance from other chiefs tired of being under the Sosso's rule and defeated Sumanguru at Krine in 1235.
- + He used this new wealth to rebuild cities and make Mali a strict class, based system based on clans and their kin; other kings followed such ideals like Abubakari II who ruled Mali to a point where he didn't find it necessary to even govern due to its overall stability and prosperity.



# Trading and Profit

- + Mali's way of trade was a three-profit system where the people who wanted to use the trade route were charged, they sold the goods they bought for much higher prices than they bought them for, and they had their own natural goods that they would sell and trade
- + These multiple sources of income came mainly from the territory that Mali had conquered during its time of rule, the Niger River which was a perfect sea route that passed right through Mali's territory.

Clay sculpture of a horse and rider from Mali



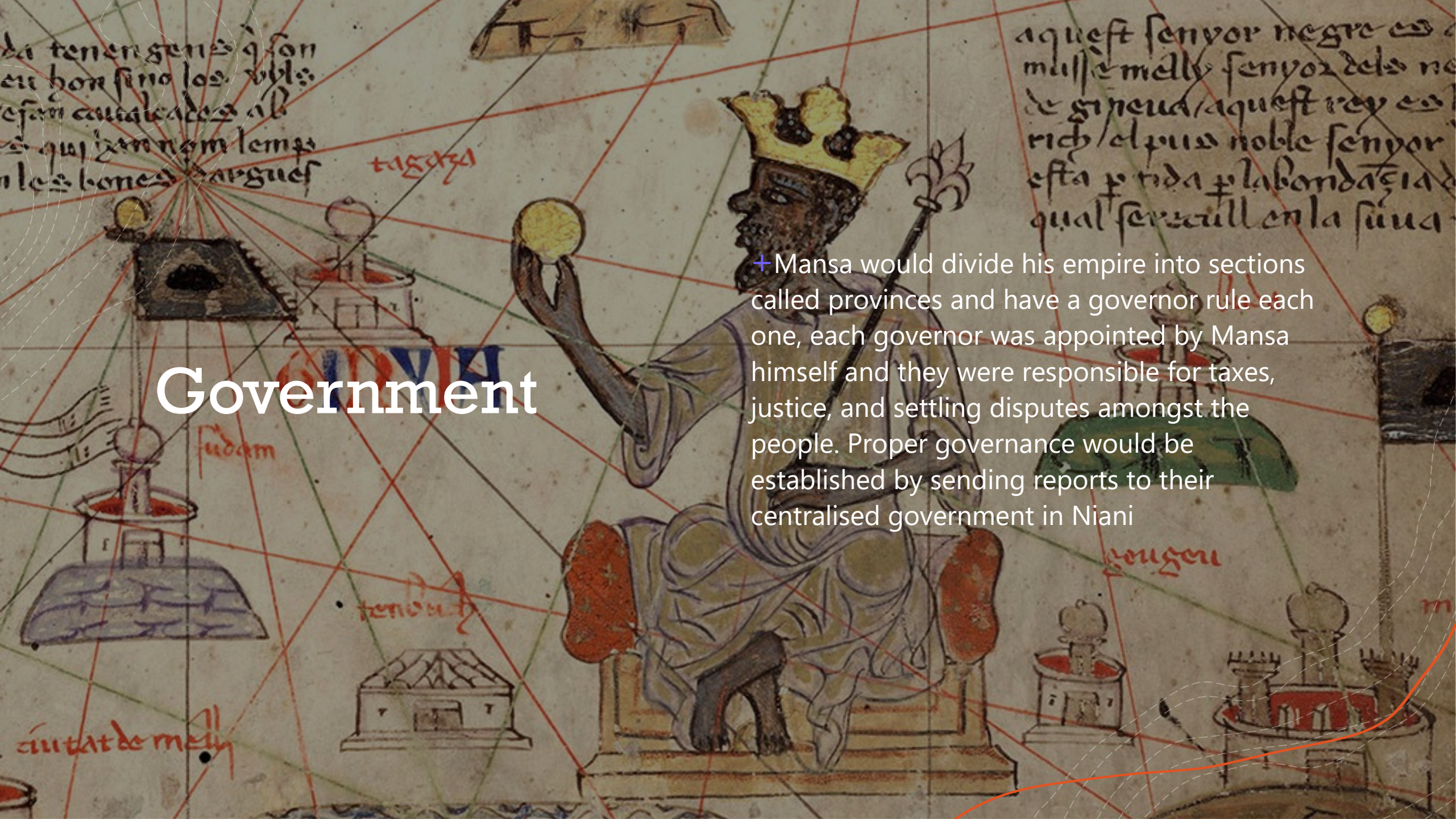


# Agriculture

+ the Niger river routinely flooding some of the dry grassland and with its adequate rainfall it was an agricultural paradise

+The soil in Mali was rich and fertile, perfect for growing an abundance of crops such as the African red skinned rice, millet, pulses, root and tuber crops. Fibre plants, and fruits were grown with much success as well as fishing and cattle farming were very successful and an important source of food.





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# Government

+Mansa would divide his empire into sections called provinces and have a governor rule each one, each governor was appointed by Mansa himself and they were responsible for taxes, justice, and settling disputes amongst the people. Proper governance would be established by sending reports to their centralised government in Niani

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An aerial photograph of a city, likely Timbuktu, featuring a prominent mosque with a large dome and a tall, slender minaret. The city is densely packed with buildings, and the background shows a hazy horizon. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent dark grey layer containing text and decorative white dashed lines.

# Architecture

+ Because of its prosperity and growing territory Mali's empire constructed many different architectural projects such as religious buildings and palaces of education as well as mosques to accommodate its Muslim religion.

+ The Sankara Madrassa was a notable centre of learning as well as the University of Sankore which kept on producing great astronomers, scholars and engineers. The great Mosque and the Sandra Madrassa were both creations of Mansa Munsa and the Sandra Madrassa became one of the greatest Islamic learning centres and the greatest library.

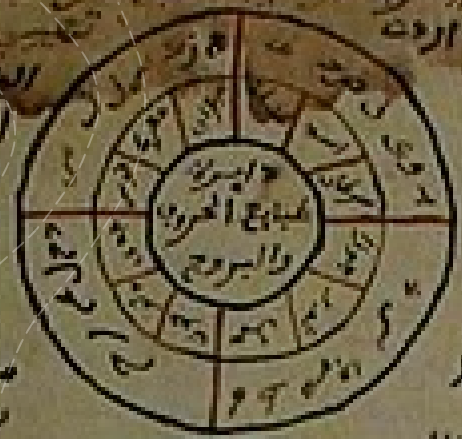


# Culture

+The Malinke people had a tradition to embark on their history and legends through stories and these stories would be told to each generation to preserve the history of its people. These storytellers were called griots. During the telling of these stories there would be music playing as well.

+During the time of its empire songs would be reserved for certain people most likely of importance like hunters or warriors and these songs were to present celebration in their honor not only as music for honorable people but it was also for festivals where masked dancers would perform.

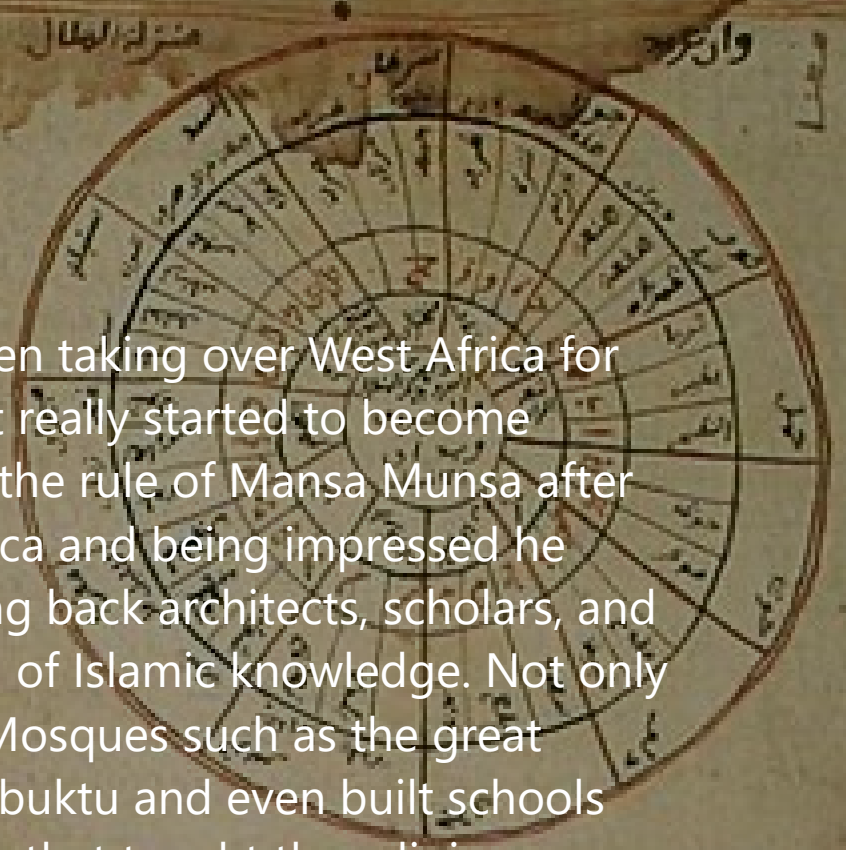
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+ Islam had been taking over West Africa for awhile now but really started to become popular under the rule of Mansa Munsa after his visit to Mecca and being impressed he decided to bring back architects, scholars, and even books full of Islamic knowledge. Not only that he made Mosques such as the great Mosque in Timbuktu and even built schools and universities that taught the religion, history, geography, astrology and medicine which made it internationally popular.



# Military

+Mali had a full-time army awaiting its command when necessary mobilised by the entire nation because each clan was obligated to send free and of age men to the army and fight. This quota was the recipe for the large number of arms in the nation reaching a sturdy one hundred thousand men and a tenth of that were horsemen. Using the rivers made traveling through the kingdom easy for the military meaning they could get anywhere in the empire within a short time.



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