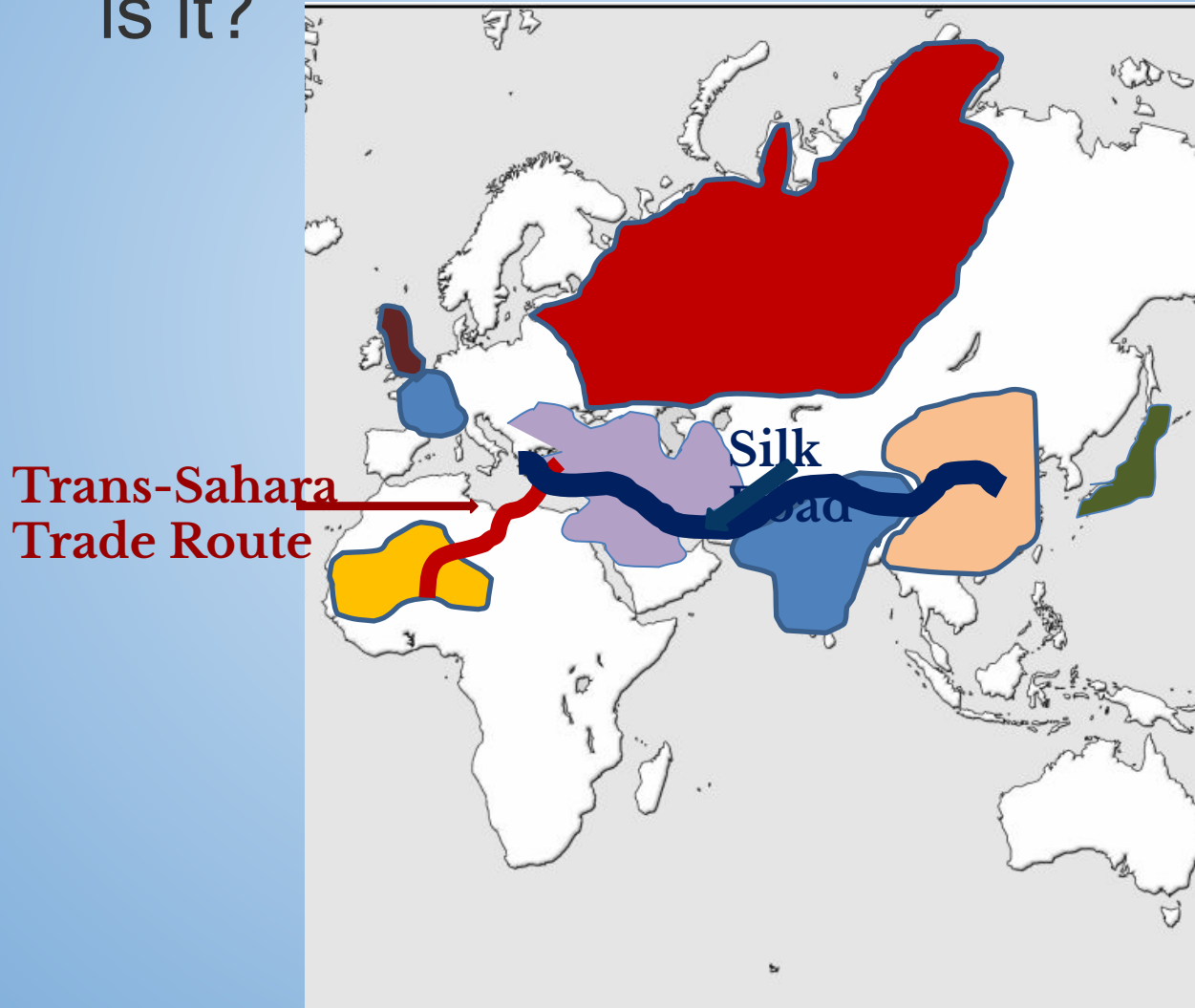


>List two facts about each empire.

>No matter how smart you are, there is one thing you will always overlook. What is it?



SILENT Bell Ringer

- Do the following in your notebook:
 - List 2 important facts about your groups assigned empire



Schedule

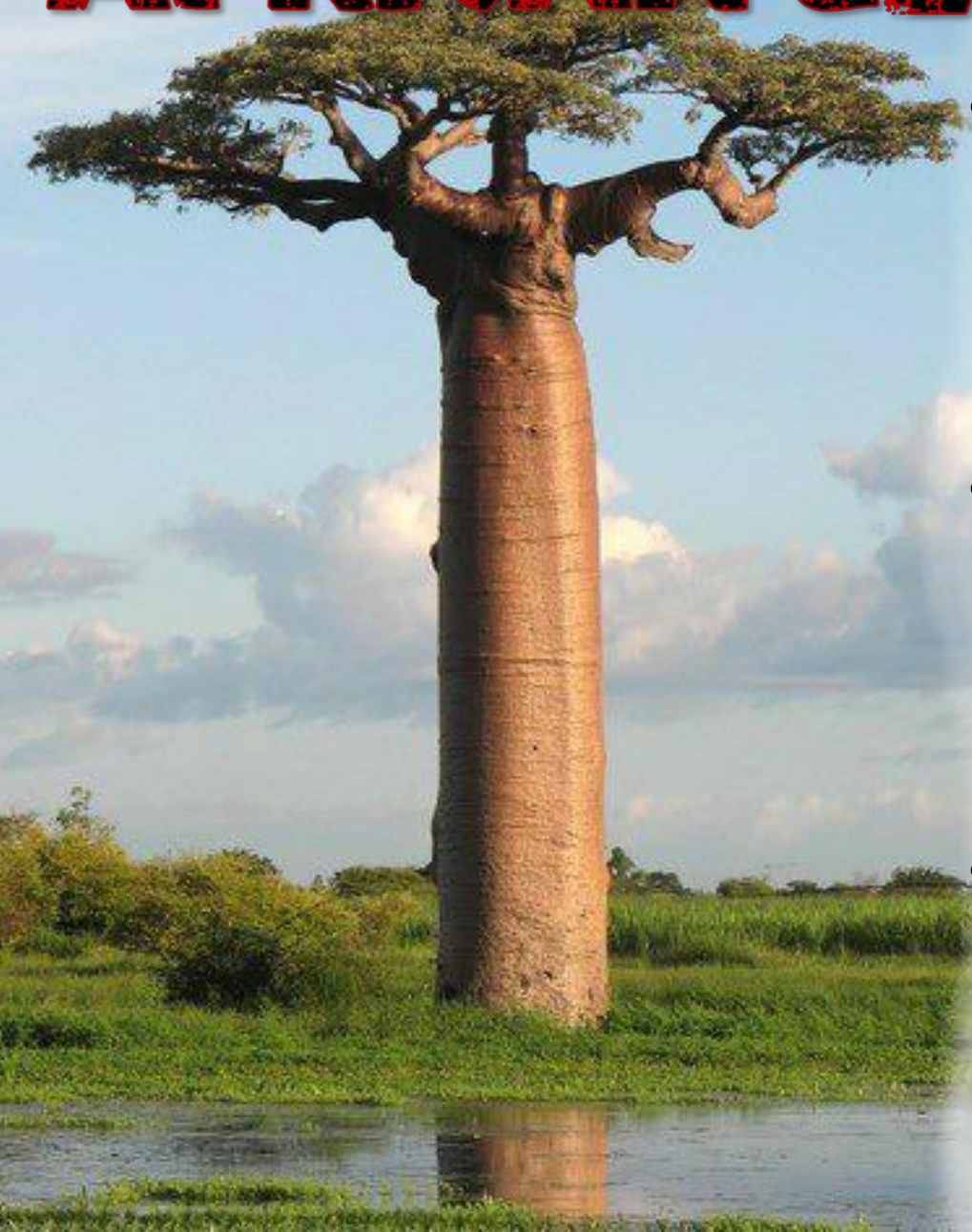
- **Objective: I can describe the impact and legacy of Africa's ancient kingdoms**
 - **Notes**
 - **The Kingdom of Aksum**

The background of the slide is a photograph of a desert landscape. In the foreground, there are rolling sand dunes of a golden-yellow color. In the middle ground, there are more dunes and a small, dark shadow cast across them. In the background, there are blue mountains under a clear blue sky. The title text is overlaid on the top half of the image.

AFRICAN CIVILIZATIONS

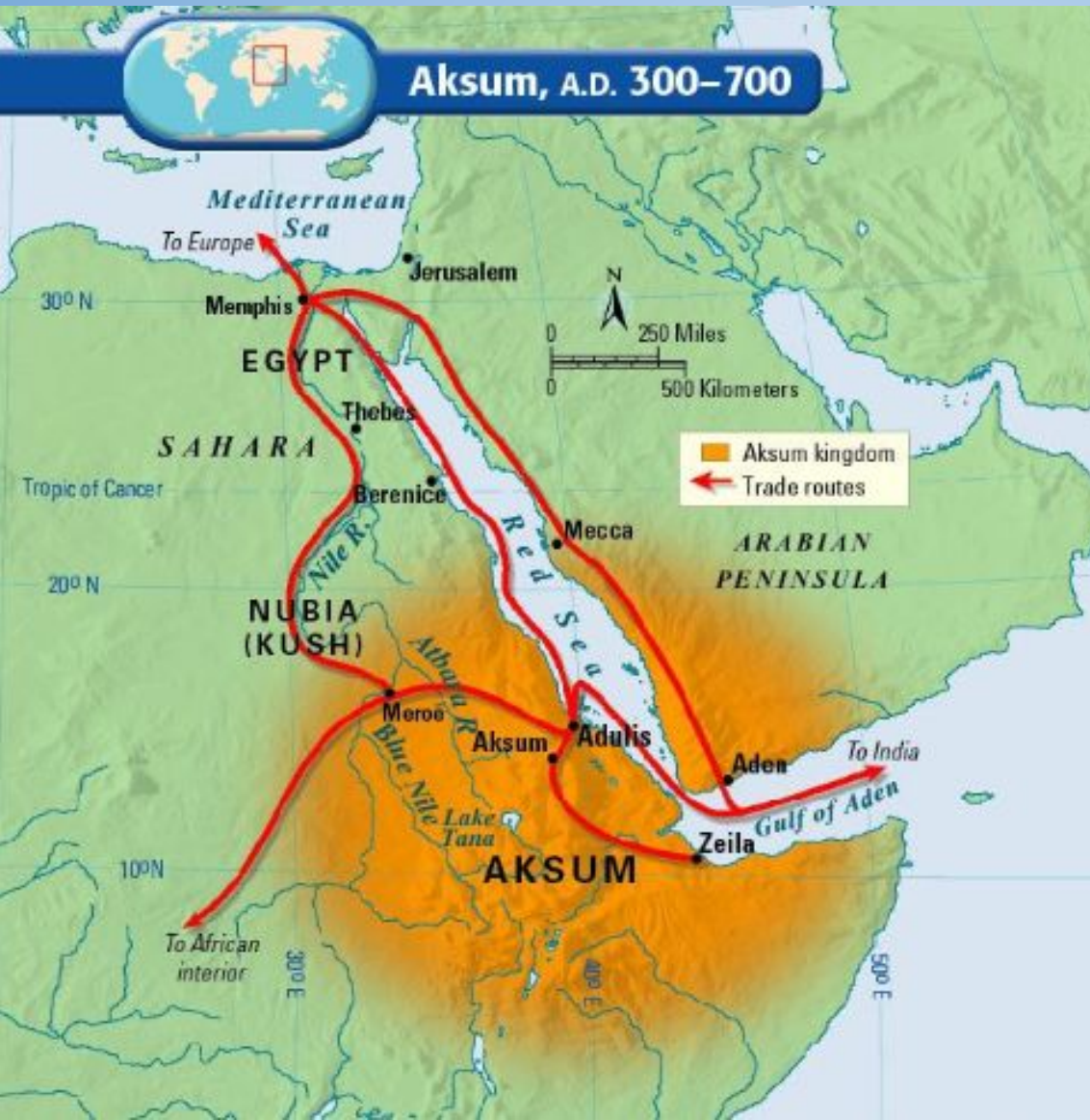
**AXUM, GHANA,
ZIMBABWE, MALI, & SONGHAI**

AFRICAN GEOGRAPHY



- Africa has a variety of climate zones, from tropical to desert
- Many rivers connect the interior
 - This helps people move goods
- Africa is filled with natural resources: salt, gold, iron, copper

AXUMIA



- Also spelled Aksum, was a powerful East African Empire from 350-600
- They converted to Christianity and then to Islam

AXUM

- Axum controlled trade among Africa, India, & the Mediterranean
- They used sailing ships called dhow to expand trade in the Red Sea & the Indian Ocean
- They traded ivory, tortoise shells, gold, emeralds, silk & spices



GHANA

- Ghana thrived from the 800s to 1100's
- Islam was introduced to Ghana by Muslim merchants
- The King collected taxes from controlling the Gold-Salt Trade



ZIMBABWE

- Zimbabwe thrived in Southern Africa from 700 to 1450



ZIMBABWE

- Zimbabwe was a society based on farming and the trading of gold & ivory
- Great Zimbabwe holds the seat of power and is home to the monarch



What brought wealth to these African Empires?



The Kingdom of Axum

- Read through the article and annotate as you read
- **Highlight** important parts and underline words you don't understand
- Draw this graphic organizer on the back and list 5 important features of the Axum Empire

