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# Trade in the Mali Empire

*Read each question and circle the correct answer.*

1. Mansa Musa has been called one of the \_\_\_\_\_ people in history.

A. strongest

C. smartest

B. wealthiest

D. tallest

2. Within his empire, Musa held exclusive rights to which of the following?

A. Gold

C. Cobalt

B. Silver

D. Copper

3. Which of the following is a reason why salt was such a valuable commodity in sub-Saharan Africa?

A. There were few animals or fresh plants in the region.

C. People lost a lot of salt through their sweat.

B. The ocean was far away.

D. All of the above.

4. Salt was so abundant in the Mali Empire that people used it to \_\_\_\_\_.

A. heal ailments

C. build houses

B. carve sculptures

D. decorate for holidays

5. True or False: Today, salt is no longer important to the West African economy.

A. True

B. False