

Attachment C: Mix and Match Activity

Write the matching number in boxes to the right. Numbers will be repeated.

1. Physical Characteristics

Located in the western region of the continent of Africa

Had rivers nearby

2. Human Characteristics

Used salt for their health and to preserve food

Mali did not have a formal written language

3. Adaptations to Environment

Trade made Mali one of the wealthiest empires in the region

Built a famous university in Timbuktu that contained a large library of Greek and Roman books

Ruled by rich and powerful kings

4. Government

Kings controlled the trade in West Africa and made Mali an important trade center

Had desert-like conditions

5. Architecture

Had gold mines

Farmers

6. Oral Tradition

Mined gold in West Africa and traded it for salt from the Sahara Desert

Traders

History was passed down by oral accounts through storytellers from one generation to the next

Miners

Laid across the trade routes between the Sahara Desert and the West African region

Contained the important city of Timbuktu