

Reteaching Activity

Reading Comprehension

Choose the word or words that most accurately completes each sentence below.

Write that word or words in the blanks provided. Note: Not every term will be used.

Great Zimbabwe
ivory
gold
Great Enclosure

Hill Complex
zimbabwe
oral tradition
drought

Mutapa
Shona
Mutota
Zambezi

1. A Bantu-speaking people called the _____ settled in southern Africa and established a prosperous empire.
2. The rise of the Shona civilization took place between the _____ and Limpopo rivers in southern Africa.
3. A settlement encircled by large stone walls was called a _____.
4. The center of the Shona empire was the _____.
5. The _____ was the part of Great Zimbabwe in which kings and queens probably lived.
6. The most important product that was traded through the city of Great Zimbabwe was _____.
7. Two possible reasons for the decline of Great Zimbabwe were the overuse of grazing land and _____.
8. _____ was the empire that emerged near Great Zimbabwe after it had fallen.
9. _____ was called the “Great Pillager” in part because of his success in conquering nearby surrounding lands.
10. Stories of Africa’s cultural heritage were passed along through _____.