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Name of Kingdom\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Notes for Sub-Saharan African States

In pairs (or groups), using computers and doing outside research, you will explore the history and culture of one of the great pre-colonial states of Africa. Mr. Brent will assign you an African Kingdom and you and group members will answer the following questions:

1. Where in Sub-Saharan Africa was this kingdom? What is the environment and geography like in that area?

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1. What were the ethnic groups of the people who lived in this area? Was your kingdom mainly one ethnic group, or a diverse empire? Is this visible in their art?

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1. Was there a great ruler of your kingdom? Why was this ruler great?

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1. How powerful was your state? Did they have a strong military? Did they conquer their neighbors in the past?

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1. What African country is this kingdom part of today? Which European Empire conquered this area? How well did this Kingdom resist the expansion?

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After you’ve finished the worksheet, find five images that best define your kingdom:

2 X Political Images (Leaders, Armies, Negotiations, Soldiers)

2 X Cultural Images (Architecture, Monuments, Art, Dress, Music, Dance)

1 X Image of Europeans with your Nation (Invading it, visiting it, their vision of what they saw)

You will use this for your African Madness Bracket. Make sure these are saved somewhere that you can bring to class.