



Africa



Mansa Musa
Ruler of the Ancient Kingdom of Mali, thought to be the richest man the world has ever known.



KEY VOCABULARY

- Homo Sapiens
- Commodity
- Agriculture
- Desert
- Desertification
- Biodiversity
- Food Insecurity
- Colonialism

Homo Sapiens
Our **species of modern human**. From the Latin meaning, wise man. The term was introduced by the scientist Carl Linnaeus.

Commodity
A **raw material** or product of farming that **can be bought and sold**, e.g. salt or gold. Commodities are traded around the world.

Agriculture
The **practice of farming**, both crops and animals.

Desert
From the Latin word meaning, 'an abandoned place', deserts are regions of **land that receive very little precipitation** (e.g. rain). It is hard for plants, animals and people to live in desert areas.

Desertification
A process where **fertile land becomes desert**. This can be as a result of drought, deforestation or over farming. Farmers cannot grow crops or graze animals on desert land.

Biodiversity
The **variety of plants and animals** within a habitat.

Food Insecurity
A situation where people within a country, or region, are **unable to access, or afford, enough nutritious food**.

Colonialism
The practice of **taking control of another country**, then holding political and economic power over that country.

DESERTIFICATION:

