

Trans-Saharan Trade Journal Assignment

Directions: Imagine you are a trader on the ancient Sub-Saharan trade routes. The time period is 700 C.E. to 1450 C.E. You will create a fictional character and describe this person's journey along a section of the trade route. Your character should be a trader who departs one locale en route to another locale some distance away. You will describe this person's experiences as he or she travels. Each entry should be two to three paragraphs in length.

Include the following information about your character:

1. gender
2. type of trader (what are you trading?)
3. ethnicity
4. religion

The description of your journey should include:

1. starting and ending points
2. sights, sounds, smells
3. terrain
4. weather
5. dangers
6. food (what will you eat?)
7. people and local customs

Note: The finished product may be typed (yea!) or neatly hand written in blue or black ink. Also please note that spelling and appearance are importance.