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1. Explain the history and origin of Mali empire

Answer

Mali empire was the second empire to emerge in western Sudan. The empire emerged from the ruins of Ghana's empire. The empire was founded by Sundiata Keita, a crippled man, in 1235 AD he embarks on expansionists policy through the establishment of a standing army leading to conquests of many territories which were brought under the control of the empire. Notable among these territories were oualata, siby, tabon, toron, and zaghari having established Mali empire, he chose niani as the capital. He took the title of mansa which means emperor. Sundiata Keita was later succeeded by several mansas, such as mansa uli, Mansa sakura, mansa Musa, mansa maghan, and mansa Suleiman.

2. What are the factors that led to the rise of Mali empire

Answer

1. Able leadership
2. Geographical location
3. Role of islam
4. The role of trade
5. Strong and large army