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*Between 700 and 1067, the Kingdom of ancient Ghana rose in power and gained control of the trans-Saharan gold and salt trade. This description of the king's court in ancient Ghana was written by the Arab scholar, Al-Bakri.*

In the court stands ten horses with gold embroidered cloth. Behind the king stand ten men holding shields and swords decorated with gold, and on the right of the king are the sons of the less powerful kings of his country, all wearing splendid garments and with their hair mixed with gold. The governor of the city sits on the ground before the king...Dogs wear collars of gold and silver.