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*The following are West African proverbs that were passed down from generation to generation, many times by griots.*

Not to know is bad; not to wish to know is worse.

When an old man dies it's as if a library has burned to the ground.



*The Great Mosque of Djenné is an important architectural monument in Mali, West Africa that was built around the 1300's. A mosque is there area where Muslims worship and pray (Like a church for Christians). It is the largest mud brick (bricks made from mud) in the world and was changed from a palace into a mosque*