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Comparative State History: Phase 1

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The purpose is for us to:

1. Erase the myths
 - a. Of discovery
 - b. Of a people waiting in darkness for another people to bring the life
 - c. Of civilization
 - d. Of a people bringing a new God to a Heathen
2. To understand how our people answered these John Henrik Clarke Leadership questions:
 - a. How will our people be
 - i. Housed
 - ii. Clothed
 - iii. Fed
 - iv. Educated
 - v. Defended
3. Identify Afrikan state creation and management primarily before captivity (slavery) focusing on the following areas:
 - a. Populations (including movement and interaction)
 - b. Government (leaders and process – How we governed)
 - c. Economy
 - d. Resources
 - e. Science and Technology
 - f. Geography (location, region, and environment)

Identify a minimum of 3 excerpts from When We Ruled; then explain:

1. How the information challenges those myths listed above (especially that you have held)
2. How the stories tell how our people answered the leadership questions above.
3. What the excerpts reveal about section 3 – population, government, economy, etc.

4. Present your report in writing and orally via Viddler.
5. Correctly pronounce all words (including proper nouns – names)
6. Note all references (optional –see if you can corroborate (confirm) the comments by other scholars with other sources and/or see if you can identify more information about the person providing the information)
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