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Lost Civilizations: Africa “A History Denied”

1. How did Europeans justify their exploitation of Africa?
2. What was the way in which Africans kept history? How did this method hurt African history?
3. What did the local peoples believe about the “Hill of the Jackal”? What was found there? What is remarkable and tragic about those items today?
4. What economic/trade activities were practiced by the people of Great Zimbabwe?
5. What was the goal of all the anti-African propaganda?
6. Describe 3 specific details/elements of the culture/civilization of Great Zimbabwe.
7. Describe some of the animistic/spiritual beliefs/practices by native peoples. What purpose did the rulers of native peoples use these religious beliefs for?
8. What theories are there on the purpose of the structure(s) of Great Zimbabwe?
9. What was the major source of wealth in the area, and how was individual wealth measured?
10. What were some of the major trade goods along the Swahili Coast?
11. What brought an end to the cultures of Great Zimbabwe and the Swahili Coast?

Summary: What efforts are being made today to try and help Africans recover their history and in what way is the myth of a superior lost “white tribe” still being perpetuated?