

C&T Notes  
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## Sundiata

How important is this epic to Mali?

- Many think this is very important to the people through National Identity
- Uniting of Kingdoms and peace

Do you declare war without telling one that you are doing it?

- Many thought one must tell the enemy that war is going to occur, no surprise wars

The witches had morals and a code.

- They did not appear to be our common assumption of what witches are, not bad people.

Sundiata's early trials could be an over exaggeration.

Are women respected?

- Not in the same way as American culture
- African version of "Ugly Duckling"
- Does the wife and husband reciprocate love?

Penelope and Sogolon

- Both are looked as wise
- Both loose faith towards the end of each ones cause

Why did Sundiata destroy Sosso? He made allies with others.

- Wanted to establish himself
- Gives away Sosso, not his, does not want to give away a prosperous city
- Erase the memory of Sosoo, no one will mention it
- Destroy legacy
- Could be looked as, "Don't mess with Sundiata or he will destroy your city."

Sundiata admirable?

- Start out handicap, rises to the top
- Sundiata's image is one of strength and love. Pg. 82
- Very noble for justice and peace
- Not like Hitler, divide up power
- His actions match up to what people say.
- Purpose to glorify

Movie

- Does not emphasize Sundiata.
- Theme: Remember ancestors