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**The Great Zimbabwe Questions – ANSWERS**

*Directions: After reading pages 440-441 in Eastern World textbook about the Great Zimbabwe, answer the following questions.*

1. When did the Shona empire reach its height? \_\_\_\_**1400s**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Where was the Shona empire located? (Present-day countries) \_\_\_\_\_**Zimbabwe and Mozambique**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. What are the Shona best known for? \_\_\_\_\_**stone-walled capital at Great Zimbabwe**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. How did the Shona build the great walls of the capital city?

**They used granite boulders and rectangular blocks of stone to build the capital’s walls**

1. What natural resources did the Shona trade as part of their large trading network?

**Small farming and trading center; then developed gold mining**

1. What led to the decline of the Shona empire?

**Gold trading declined and Great Zimbabwe weakened**

1. What did the archaeologists find out about the Shona from the artifacts found at Great Zimbabwe?

**The Shona traded widely with Asia and also traded with the Muslim Swahili in Eastern Africa; once connected by an Indian Ocean trade route.**