

West Africa Question 1

Which ocean borders Africa on the west?
Which ocean borders Africa on the east?
Which sea borders Africa on the north?

Label these bodies of water.

West Africa Question 2

Into what four regions is Africa divided?

Draw in the boundaries of these regions,
and label each region.

West Africa Question 3

Lightly shade each of Africa's vegetation zones in a different color. Then fill in the key to show the meaning of each color.

In which of these zones do you think people were least likely to settle? Why?

West Africa Question 4

Outline Ghana's boundary in red, Mali's boundary in blue, and Songhai's boundary in brown. Add these colors to the key.

In what region of Africa were these kingdoms located? What vegetation zones are in this part of Africa?

West Africa Question 5

Label the Niger and Senegal Rivers.

Why do you think these rivers were important to the societies that developed in West Africa?

West Africa Question 6

Label the Sahara Desert.

Why do you think the territory below the Sahara Desert might have had limited contact with lands to the north of the desert before the late 700s C.E.?

West Africa Question 7

What religion spread from North Africa to West Africa?

Draw and label an arrow to show the spread of this religion.

West Africa Question 8

What city was an important center of trade and learning for the kingdoms of Mali and Songhai?

Label that city.