

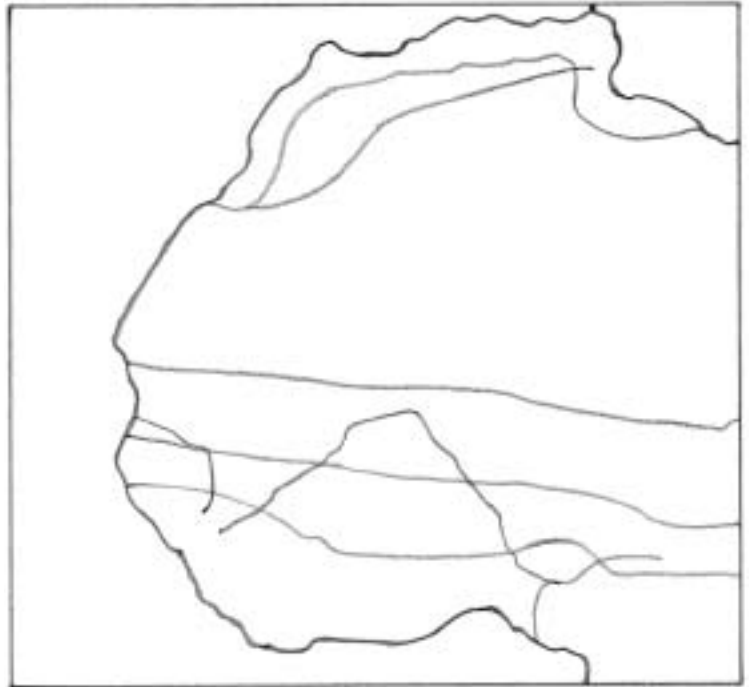


READING NOTES 12

Read each of Sections 12.2 to 12.5, and complete the corresponding notes.

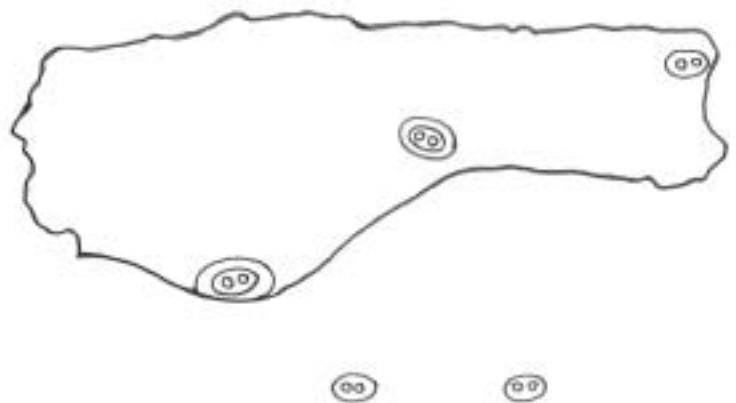
12.2 Geography and Trade

1. This is a map of West Africa. Label the Sahara Desert, the Sahel, the savanna, and the forest. Then draw and label the types of vegetation found in each area. Also label the Niger River.
2. How did geography affect trade in West Africa?



12.3 Early Communities and Villages

1. Locate the circles on the diagram that represent family-based communities. Color them yellow. Then locate the areas on the map that represent villages. Color them green.
2. What are some reasons that family-based communities joined together to form villages?

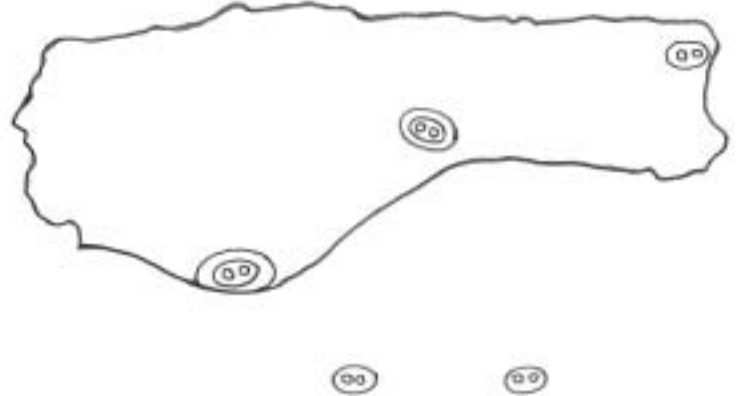


3. Who made the decisions in a family-based community?



12.4 The Development of Towns and Cities

1. Locate the ovals on the diagram that represent cities. Color them blue.
2. How did the ability to work with iron affect food production and the types of jobs that villagers performed in West Africa?
3. How did the location along trade routes affect the development of cities?
4. How did the location of Jenne-jeno lead to its becoming a large, busy city?



12.5 The Rise of Kingdoms and Empires

1. Locate the area on the diagram that indicates a kingdom. Color it red.
2. How were trading cities able to develop into kingdoms?
3. List one advantage and one disadvantage of being part of a kingdom.

