

Guided Reading Activity



Kingdoms and States of Medieval Africa

Lesson 1 *African Society and Culture*

Review Questions

Directions: Locate each heading below in your textbook. Then use the information under the correct heading and subheading to help you write each answer.

I. The Impact of Geography

A. What types of landforms can be found in Africa?

B. What are savannas?

II. African Society

A. What were African lineage groups?

B. What were matrilineal societies?

B. How did the education of African boys and girls differ?

III. Religious Beliefs

A. What were the religious beliefs of the Ashanti people of Ghana?

B. Who were diviners?

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C. How did Islam overtake African religions in southern Africa?

IV. African Culture

A. What was the purpose of the masks and statues made by wood-carvers in Africa?

B. What was the social purpose of African music?

Summary and Reflection

Directions: Summarize the main ideas of this lesson by answering the prompt below.

Summarize medieval Africa's geography, societies, and cultures.
