



ASSESSMENT

TERMS & NAMES

Explain the significance of each of the following:

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| 1. coup d'état | 2. mediate | 3. ECOWAS | 4. subsistence farming | 5. cash crop |
| 6. rite of passage | 7. Yoruba | 8. Igbo | 9. Hausa | 10. Wole Soyinka |

REVIEW QUESTIONS

History and Political Change (pages 317–321)

- What factors influenced the way in which European nations divided Western and Central Africa?
- Describe the rule of Mobutu Sese Seko in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- What were some positive and negative aspects of Nkrumah's leadership of Ghana?

Economies and Cultures (pages 324–328)

- How do most people in Western and Central Africa earn a living?
- What is the basis of society in most African countries? How is this changing?

Nigeria Today (pages 330–333)

- Where does Nigeria's population rank in Africa?
- What are the three major ethnic groups in Nigeria? In what region does each live?
- What are some important resources and products of Nigeria's economy?

CRITICAL THINKING

Recognizing Effects

- Using your completed diagram from Reading Social Studies, p. 316, summarize one of your inferences and the evidence you based it on.

Drawing Conclusions

- How would the establishment of plantations growing cash crops affect a society used to subsistence farming? Try to think of both positive and negative effects.

Analyzing Issues

- How does their ethnic diversity both help and hurt modern African nations?

Visual Summary

1 History and Political Change

- Colonial rule upset traditional forms of government and natural boundaries, causing problems for modern countries in Western and Central Africa.
- Ethnic violence, corrupt officials, and military rule have made it hard for many countries to establish stable, democratic governments.



Economies and Cultures

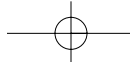
- Most people in Western and Central Africa are subsistence farmers, but cash crops and minerals are also important in the economy.
- The extended family is the basis of society in Africa south of the Sahara.



Nigeria Today

- Nigeria has a large population, valuable resources, and a rich cultural history, but it has faced problems since gaining independence.
- The Hausa, Yoruba, and Igbo are the largest of Nigeria's more than 250 ethnic groups.





SOCIAL STUDIES SKILLBUILDER

Endangered Animals in Western and Central Africa

Animal	Range	Reasons for Decline
Cheetah	Africa to India	Habitat destruction, fur trade
Gorilla	Central and Western Africa	Habitat destruction, capture of young, fur trade
Black Rhinoceros	Africa south of the Sahara	Habitat destruction, overhunting for horn
White Rhinoceros	Central Africa	Habitat destruction, overhunting for horn

SKILLBUILDER: Drawing Conclusions

1. What information does this chart present?
2. From this information, what can you conclude about how humans affect wild animals in Africa?

FOCUS ON GEOGRAPHY

1. **Movement** • In what direction would you travel on most of the roads and railroads in Liberia?
2. **Human-Environment Interaction** • Why do you think the roads follow the paths they do?
3. **Movement** • What forms of transportation are available for someone wishing to travel from Sulima, Sierra Leone, to Gbarnga, Liberia?



CHAPTER PROJECTS

Interdisciplinary Activity: Music

Exploring World Music Many musicians from Western and Central Africa, such as Youssou N'dour, have become internationally known. American jazz also grew out of African musical traditions. Learn more about an aspect of African music in a local music store or other music resource. Find and listen to music by one artist or in a certain style. Share your discoveries with the class.

Cooperative Learning Activity

Creating a Newspaper In a group of three to five classmates, write and produce a four-page newspaper, *Nigeria Today*, about current events in Nigeria. Write short articles about:

- Politics and economics
- Weather
- Human-interest stories
- Arts
- Sports

Find information and photographs on Web sites and in the library.



INTERNET ACTIVITY

Choose a country in Western or Central Africa other than Nigeria and use the Internet to research it and prepare a country study. Include information about topics such as population, language, religion, type of government, ethnic groups, and important crops and products.

Writing About Geography Make a one-page chart or poster summarizing your findings. If possible, include a photograph from a Web site you used to prepare your display.

For Internet links to support this activity, go to



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