

Africa Geography Challenge

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Use the map on pgs. ~~238~~ to answer the following questions.

1. Which oceans border Africa to the west, east, and north? *Label these 3 bodies of water on the map? Lightly shade these blue*
2. Into what 4 regions is Africa divided? *Draw and label these regions with a black pen.*
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?*
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*
5. *Label the Niger and Senegal Rivers and trace them in blue. Why do you think these rivers were important to the societies that developed in West Africa?*
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 700's C.E.?*
7. *What religion spread from North Africa to West Africa? Draw and label an arrow to show the spread of this religion.*
8. *What city was an important center of trade and learning for the kingdoms of Mali and Songhai? Label that city.*

