

# Religion in Africa

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Directions: As you read pp 463-467, answer the following questions. Do not use complete sentences.

1. In what different ways did African religions believe they could communicate with their god(s)?

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2. What was the role of ancestors in African religions? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What religion dominates the northern part of Africa? \_\_\_\_\_

4. In what areas are traditional religions the main type of religion? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Ibn Battuta was a lawyer from \_\_\_\_\_ who wanted to see the places in the world that were Muslim. He spent \_\_\_\_\_ years in his journeys, traveling more than \_\_\_\_\_ miles. In Africa he found that Islam was more popular in the \_\_\_\_\_ than in the \_\_\_\_\_. He also learned that Muslim women in Africa did not cover their \_\_\_\_\_ with a veil. People did study the \_\_\_\_\_, the Muslim holy book, with much dedication.

6. What was the mosque at Djenne made out of? \_\_\_\_\_

How did people make gutters/drainage for their roofs in Djenne? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Ibn Battuta admired the work that \_\_\_\_\_ had done in support of Islam, such as building more \_\_\_\_\_ and creating \_\_\_\_\_ in Timbuktu that collected books from the Muslim lands.

8. How did Mansa Musa make Mali known to the world? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What impression did Mansa Musa want people to have of Mali? How do you know this? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. Which king made Islam strong in the Songhai Empire? \_\_\_\_\_

11. Ibn Battuta also traveled to \_\_\_\_\_ Africa where the languages of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ were spoken.

12. How did the Swahili effectively resist European attempts to destroy their culture? \_\_\_\_\_

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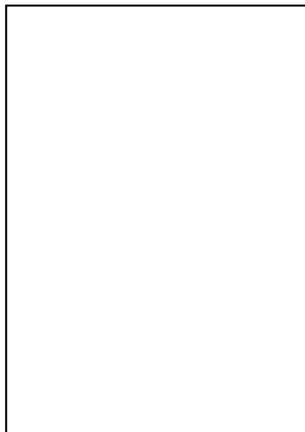
13. List at least 3 ways Islam impacted Africa. \_\_\_\_\_

I. Directions: Match the proverb on the left with the meaning on the right. Some meanings will be used more than once.

1. \_\_\_\_ If you are greedy in conversation, you lose the wisdom of your friend.
2. \_\_\_\_ When spider webs unite, they can tie up a lion.
3. \_\_\_\_ One does not make a shield in the battlefield.
4. \_\_\_\_ The moon moves slowly, but it crosses the town.
5. \_\_\_\_ Don't set sail using someone else's star.
6. \_\_\_\_ One does not begin to herd cattle after it has been killed by lions.
7. \_\_\_\_ Two raindrops do not make a pool.
8. \_\_\_\_ A single tree cannot make a forest.
9. \_\_\_\_ Don't rub the back of a porcupine.
10. \_\_\_\_ Even if the elephant's tail is too short, it still whisks away flies.
11. \_\_\_\_ Two footsteps do not make a path.
12. \_\_\_\_ Smooth seas do not make skillful sailors.
13. \_\_\_\_ Only a fool tests the depth of waters with both feet.
14. \_\_\_\_ The strength of the elderly is in the ears and on the lips.
15. \_\_\_\_ One falsehood spoils a thousand truths.

- a. Listen to others and you'll learn.
- b. One lie ruins the times you are honest.
- c. Move forward and you'll reach your goal.
- d. Challenges make you stronger.
- e. You need a community (work together)
- f. Set your own goals.
- g. Be cautious.
- h. Listen to the advice of your elders.
- i. Plan ahead.
- j. Don't get involved with those who can hurt you.
- k. Disadvantages are no excuse for not trying.

II. Choose one of the proverbs above. Using a piece of computer paper, illustrate the proverb as a full-page color illustration. On the illustration side, write the original wording of the proverb. On the back, write your name, date and block. Also, write a paragraph explaining the proverb and how it relates to life now. Use at least two specific examples in your paragraph.



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Back: NDB, paragraph

