

POINTS OF INTEREST

Western Africa

Mapping

Africa

Physical Map - add to the map from last week.

- Shade the Sahel region with mustard yellow.
- Shade the higher elevated area in Guinea with light orange.
- Draw and label the Niger River, include the delta.
- Label the Gulf of Guinea.

Countries of Africa Map: Add the following to the country map you began last week: Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Togo, Benin, Nigeria.

Capital Cities Map: Label each capital of the country listed above.

Trail Blazing

Learn about the Sahel region between the Sahara Desert and the tropical savanna and rain forests.

Start learning the countries and capitals of Africa. Use the Capital Cities Map you have begun. See if you can name the country of each capital city you have labeled. Now use the Countries of Africa Map and see if you can name the capital for each country labeled.

The Ivory Coast is the English name for the nation of Cote d'Ivoire, officially Republic of Cote d'Ivoire. It was so named because ivory traders frequented the Atlantic coast along Ivory Coast in the early days. More recently the people of this nation have adopted its French pronunciation and spelling (try it: coat-dee-'vwar). Learn what it is like there today and make a travel brochure.

Lake Volta, in Ghana, is the world's largest artificial lake. Learn about the construction of man-made lakes and the benefit (or damage) to the environment. Or learn more about this modern engineering marvel.

Geography Notebook

Make a chart of Africa facts. Choose 10 countries from among those covered the past 2 days. Follow the instructions given in week 6. Continue to add to this chart each week for 2 weeks.

Add more Countries of the World Fact Sheet pages to your notebook with your choice of African nations.

Continue watching for and clipping newspaper articles about events occurring in Africa.

Start your own set of thematic maps of Africa. Choose from the following map themes: physical elevations, land usage (environments), population, climate, natural hazards. Follow instructions given in week 3. Do 2 maps this week and 2 next week.

Geography Through Art

- African Sculpture from the Ivory Coast
- African Masks from Ghana and the Ivory Coast
- Coffin Art from Ghana
- Golden Staff



GEOGRAPHY TRAILS

Week 15 - Africa

Day 1

- YY How many African countries have the Atlantic Ocean for their southern boundary? Name 3 countries with land south of 15°N at 15°W longitude.
- PAW Name 3 landlocked countries with land west of 10°E. What country was founded as a refuge for African Americans returning to Africa and is named from the Latin word meaning free?
- PAW What 4 countries south of 15°N longitude and west of 15°W longitude have coastlines on the Atlantic Ocean? What country has its capital city named for President James Monroe and was founded by freed American slaves?

Day 2

- YY What landlocked nation forms the northern border of Ghana and Togo? What country has Abuja for its capital?
- PAW What country is bordered by Senegal on three sides and the Atlantic Ocean on the West? What name is used to refer to both an island country in the Atlantic Ocean and a narrow piece of land from Senegal that sticks out into the Atlantic?
- PAW What is the semiarid region that separates the Sahara Desert from the tropical savanna and rain forests of central Africa? What countries have coastline on the Gulf of Guinea?

Day 3

- YY What country is in the Atlantic Ocean west of Africa? The people of Cote d'Ivoire speak French and some African languages. Is Cote d'Ivoire in the eastern or western part of Africa?
- PAW What is the name of the semiarid area just south of the Sahara? Which country does NOT have land with elevation of 500-1000 ft.: Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, or Guinea-Bissau?
- PAW Where is the Niger Delta? What country has a higher average elevation: Cote d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, or Guinea?

Day 4

- YY What is the main usage of the land in Western Africa? Is Liberia east or west of the Prime Meridian?
- PAW What is the largest river in the western part of Africa? What country is sandwiched between Ghana and Benin?
- PAW What is the capital of the country located north of Ghana and south of Mali? What is the translation of Cote d'Ivoire?

