

Chapter 21 West Africa Vocabulary Builder

A. Content Vocabulary Directions: Match the vocabulary word to its definition.

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| _____ 01. Secede | A. someone who believes in spirits, such as those of ancestors, air, earth, rivers |
| _____ 02. pidgin | B. depressed area of land drained by a river and its tributaries |
| _____ 03. extended family | C. when two or more languages blend so well that the mixture becomes the language of the region |
| _____ 04. infrastructure | D. family made up of parents, children, and other close relatives, often of more than two generations |
| _____ 05. basin | E. hot, dry Sahara wind that blows from late November until mid-March |
| _____ 06. imperialism | F. when one country seizes political control of other places to create an empire |
| _____ 07. creole | G. underlying framework of a region |
| _____ 08. animist | H. colorful, hand-woven cloth from Ghana |
| _____ 09. kente | I. family made up of only parents and their children |
| _____ 10. harmattan | J. simplified language used by people who cannot speak each other's language but who need a way to communicate |
| _____ 11. nuclear family | K. formally withdraw |

B. Academic Vocabulary

Directions: Select the word or words that are closest in meaning to the underlined word.

- _____ 12. The European colonies in Africa contained populations that were ethnically diverse.
 A. similar B. varied C. urban D. wealthy
- _____ 13. As it flows through Niger and Nigeria, on its way to the Gulf of Guinea, the Niger River joins with a tributary, the Benue River, thereby doubling the volume of water it carries.
 A. level B. capacity C. loudness D. quantity
- _____ 14. The Bantu people probably reached the East African coast as early as the A.D. 200s, at which time they displaced people who lived on these lands already.
 A. forced out B. put back C. divided D. invited
- _____ 15. Wherever the Bantu lived, they spread their culture's three main elements – their knowledge of how to grow bananas, taro, and yams; their language; and their technology on how to make things out of iron.
 A. activities B. chemical substances C. groups, as of people D. weather