

GEOGRAPHY TRAILS

Week 15 - Africa

Day 1

- YY How many African countries have the Atlantic Ocean for their southern boundary? Name three countries with land west of 15°W.
- 🐾 Name three 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?
- 🐾 What four countries south of 15°N and west of 15°W 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?
- 🐾 What country is bordered by Senegal on three sides and the Atlantic Ocean on the west? What name is given to both an island country in the Atlantic Ocean and a narrow piece of land from Senegal that sticks out into the Atlantic?
- 🐾 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 made up of a group of islands in the Atlantic Ocean west of Mauritania? (hint: see islands near 15°N) The people of Côte d'Ivoire speak French and some African languages. Is Côte d'Ivoire in the eastern or western part of Africa?
- 🐾 What is the name of the semiarid area just south of the Sahara? Which country does NOT have land with elevations over 1000 ft: Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, or Guinea-Bissau?
- 🐾 Where is the Niger Delta? What country has a higher average elevation: Côte d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, or Guinea?

Day 4

- YY What are the main usages of most of the land in Africa? Is Liberia east or west of the prime meridian?
- 🐾 What is the largest river in the western part of Africa? What country is sandwiched between Ghana and Benin?
- 🐾 What is the capital of the country located north of Ghana and south of Mali? What is the translation of Côte d'Ivoire?



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.

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 Côte d'Ivoire, officially Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. It was so named because ivory traders frequented the Atlantic coast there 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 life 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.

Read about Africa (*GTA*, *TUG* 188-190, student atlas), find travel videos from the library of places in Africa and and learn about the people of Africa.

Geography Notebook

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

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

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

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

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 two maps this week and two next week.

Geography Through Art

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

