

The World of West Africa

🦋 Links Far and Near

1. Turn to page 9 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at photo A and map B, “Trading Empires of the West.” Use the information to complete the following paragraph.

Kingdoms and empires in West Africa traded with _____ and _____ for many years. The West Africans traded _____, leather, and _____ for luxury goods and _____. Trade routes went across the _____ with goods carried by _____.

Two important empires developed along the _____ River: _____ and _____. They each, in turn, dominated _____ Africa.

🦋 Location

2. Look again at photo A and map B. Use the information to match the empire, kingdom, or group with its location.

Empire, Kingdom, or Group

- a. Songhai Empire •
- b. Tuaregs •
- c. Bornu Empire •
- d. Benin Empire •
- e. Mameluke Empire •

Location

- in the Sahara
- near the mouth of the Niger River
- in West Africa
- in northeast Africa and southwest Asia
- near Lake Chad

★ History Through Maps

3. Use information from map B to identify the empire associated with each city.

City

- a. Timbuktu
- b. Alexandria
- c. Soba
- d. Kano

Empire
