

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

West Africa

Vocabulary Builder

Section 1

DIRECTIONS Read each sentence. Fill in the blank with the word in the word pair that best completes the sentence.

1. Geographers describe West Africa's climates as _____ because they stretch from east to west in bands. (**savanna/zonal**)
2. Desertification in the _____ is causing the expansion of the Sahara. (**Gulf of Guinea/Sahel**)
3. The _____ brings life-giving water to West Africa. (**Niger River/Gulf of Guinea**)
4. Hundreds of miles from the coast in Mali, the Niger River divides into a network of channels called the inland _____. (**Sahara/delta**)
5. Very little vegetation grows in the _____, and few people live there. (**savanna/Sahara**)

DIRECTIONS Read each description. On the lines below, write the letter of the term or place that best matches each description.

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| _____ 6. area of tall grasses, scattered trees, and shrubs | a. savanna |
| _____ 7. describes climates in West Africa | b. Niger River |
| _____ 8. most important river in West Africa | c. zonal |