

CHAPTER 22

**Chapter Tutorial
West and Central Africa**

IDENTIFYING TERMS Choose the term or place that correctly matches each definition.

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| _____ 1. Sahel | a. main food crop |
| _____ 2. desertification | b. produces some goods for export and some for local use |
| _____ 3. staple | c. drought-resistant grain |
| _____ 4. sorghum | d. spread of desert conditions |
| _____ 5. dual economy | e. region of semiarid climate along southern edge of Sahara |

UNDERSTANDING MAIN IDEAS

1. Briefly describe the physical environment of the region.

2. How do the people of the Sahel live?

3. Why did the forest peoples of the region not trade more with distant lands?

4. What effects did the slave trade have on West and Central Africa?

5. What level of development do all of the countries of the region share?

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THINKING CRITICALLY

1. Solving Problems What could be done to lessen desertification in the region?

2. Drawing Inferences Why are literacy rates generally low throughout the region?

3. Identifying Cause and Effect How has rapid urban population growth affected life in the region's cities?

EXPLORING INTERDISCIPLINARY TOPICS

1. Sociology What is family life generally like in the region?

2. Economics What economic disadvantages do the countries in the region have because they depend on only a few main exports?

WRITING ABOUT GEOGRAPHY

Expressing Imagine that you are a teenager living in the region of West and Central Africa. Write a diary entry that identifies the climate zone in which you live and describes what the weather is like there.