

CHAPTER 22

Guided Reading Strategies 22.2
West and Central Africa

READING THE SECTION As you read the section, examine each of the pairs of statements below. Circle the letter of the statement in each pair that is true.

- 1. **a.** One of the earliest kingdoms in the region was Mali in the A.D. 800s.
b. One of the earliest kingdoms in the region was Ghana in the A.D. 800s.
- 2. **a.** The kingdom of Ghana participated in the slave trade.
b. The kingdom of Ghana refused to participate in the slave trade.
- 3. **a.** Islam spread to the region along trade routes.
b. Judaism spread to the region along trade routes.
- 4. **a.** Tombouctou became an important center of trade and education.
b. Angola became an important center of trade and education.
- 5. **a.** European explorers arrived in West Africa by land in the late 1600s.
b. European explorers arrived in West Africa by sea in the late 1400s.
- 6. **a.** Europeans sold at least 10 million enslaved Africans to colonists in the Americas.
b. Europeans sold at least 10,000 enslaved Africans to colonists in Asia.
- 7. **a.** By 1876 all African countries in the region were independent.
b. By 1976 all African countries in the region were independent.
- 8. **a.** During the colonial era, English and French became lingua francas in much of Africa.
b. During the colonial era, Spanish and German became lingua francas in much of Africa.
- 9. **a.** Islam is the main religion in the Sahel.
b. Roman Catholicism is the main religion in the Sahel.
- 10. **a.** Literacy rates are generally high throughout the region.
b. Literacy rates are generally low throughout the region.

POST-READING QUICK CHECK After you have finished reading the section, in the space provided, describe family life in the region.
