

Ethnic Groups of Africa

SS7G4 The student will describe the diverse cultures of the people who live in Africa.

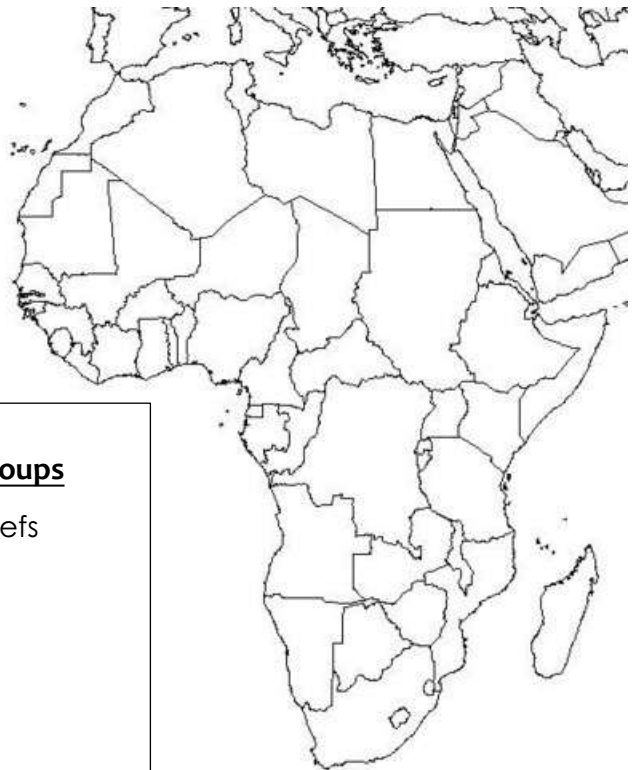
b. Explain the diversity of religions within the Arab, Ashanti, Bantu, and Swahili ethnic groups.

Directions: Read Africa's Ethnic & Religious Groups to find out where each ethnic group lives in Africa and what religions they practice. Record the information in the chart below.

Ethnic Group	Location	Religion	Language
Arab			
Ashanti			
Swahili			
Bantu			

Map Directions:

1. Choose a color/pattern to represent each ethnic group. Add the colors/patterns to your key.
2. Color the areas on the map where each ethnic group is located.
3. Create a symbol to represent each religion. Add the symbols to your key.
4. Add the religion symbols to the areas of the map corresponding to the ethnic groups that practice it.



<u>Ethnic Groups</u>		<u>KEY</u>		<u>Religious Groups</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Arab	<input type="checkbox"/>	Traditional Beliefs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christianity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ashanti	<input type="checkbox"/>	Christianity	<input type="checkbox"/>	Islam
<input type="checkbox"/>	Swahili	<input type="checkbox"/>	Islam		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bantu				

Question Directions: Now that you've read and created a map about Africa's ethnic and religious groups, answer the following questions to see what you know.

1. How did Christianity get to Africa?

2. How did Islam get to Africa?

3. How did traditional beliefs get to Africa?

4. Describe two differences between Africa's **traditional religions** and religions like **Christianity** and **Islam**.

5. How are Africa's **traditional religions** similar to religions like **Christianity** and **Islam**?

6. Do people in the same ethnic group practice the same religion? Explain your answer and use two examples from Africa.

7. Compare the ethnic & religious groups on your map to the current political borders for each African country. The current political borders for each country were drawn by European rulers (ex. British, French) who took over Africa in the 1800s. What potential problem do you see when you compare how the ethnic & religious groups are distributed to the political borders established by the Europeans? Give at least 2 examples from the map to support your answer.