

Africa's Ethnic Groups Choice Board

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

a. Explain the differences between an ethnic group and a religious group.

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

Directions: Choose one of the following assignments to demonstrate your knowledge of the ethnic groups of Africa.

<p>Explain in 5-7 sentences how all four ethnic groups are influenced by Islam. Explain how Islam has affected the development of their culture, language, and traditions. Also answer how they have incorporated traditional beliefs with Islam.</p>	<p>Create a mini-story about a Bantu person who traveled to a new area and incorporate how they learned new ideas and inter-married with the locals of that region. Be sure to explain this has impacted the development of the regions they have been spread to.</p>	<p>Create a colored drawing that represents the animist beliefs that all things have spirits. Be sure to give a brief explanation (5-7 sentences) explaining what your drawing represents and how this influences their culture.</p>
<p>Draw a map & label the areas where Arabs have settled in Africa and also plot their route. Briefly (in minimum of 5 sentences) then explain how their culture has been spread across Africa.</p>	<p>Imagine that you are a member of one of Africa's ethnic groups. Write a letter to a member of another ethnic group in Africa. Tell them about where you live, your beliefs, language, ancestors, etc. Also, include questions that you have about their ethnic group. You may also include an illustration on the back of your letter.</p>	<p>Draw a map and label the Bantu migration. Plot the route from where they started and where they can be found today. Briefly (in several sentences) then explain how they influenced other cultures.</p>
<p>Create a mini-story about the Ashanti belief in the Golden Stool and how it came to be. Incorporate the facts that are discussed in the above passage while including some fictional events. Be sure to address how their beliefs influence them on a cultural level.</p>	<p>Create a crossword puzzle with the terms (be sure your definition is included in your hint) for the following terms Golden Stool, Bantu, Arab, Swahili, animism, Quran, Ashanti</p>	<p>Explain in 5-7 sentences how the four groups may be a part of the same religious groups but not a part of the same ethnic groups. Be specific about what they do and do not have in common. How their culture has been spread across Africa and how this has impacted the development of African culture.</p>