

Africa

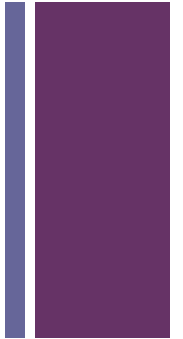
The Cultures of Africa



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+ Culture

■ *What makes up someone's culture?*



+ Definition

Religion

Beliefs

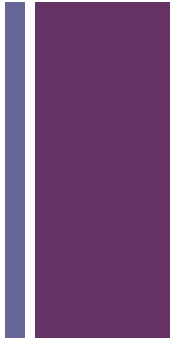
Customs

Language

Traditions

Government

Culture- The product of the religion, beliefs, customs, language, traditions, and government of a society



+ What is the best thing about culture?

It varies across different groups of people!

We are not all the same!



+ Ethnic Group



- One way that culture varies is by **ethnic group**
- Ethnic groups share many **common** characteristics like language, physical appearance, customs, and traditions
 - Ethnic group is BIOLOGICAL. It is part of your biological make up and cannot be changed.
- *What ethnic groups exist in the United States?*
- *What ethnic groups exist in the Middle East?*

+ How is ethnicity related to religion?

- Another way culture varies is by religious group
- Religious groups share a common belief system
- Your religious group is NOT biological. You can change it!
- Does everyone in the same ethnic group have the same religion? **NO**
- Does everyone in the same religious group have the same religion? **NO**

Ethnic group and religion are related, but are not the same thing.

+ Ethnic Groups in Africa



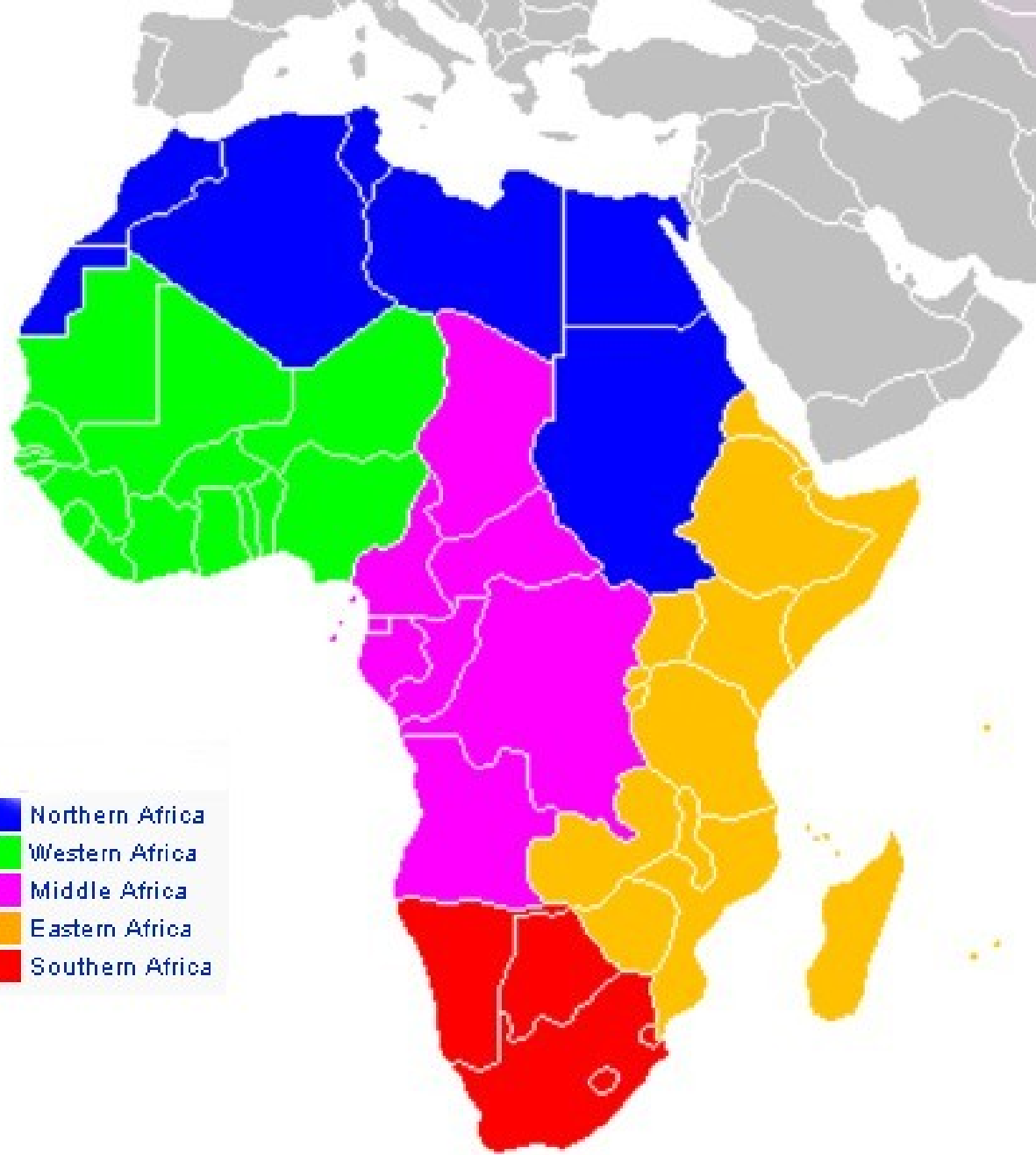
- There are THOUSANDS
- We will study 4
- These **4 ethnic groups** are located in 4 different geographical regions of Africa
- *Wait, what geographical regions?*

Geographical Regions

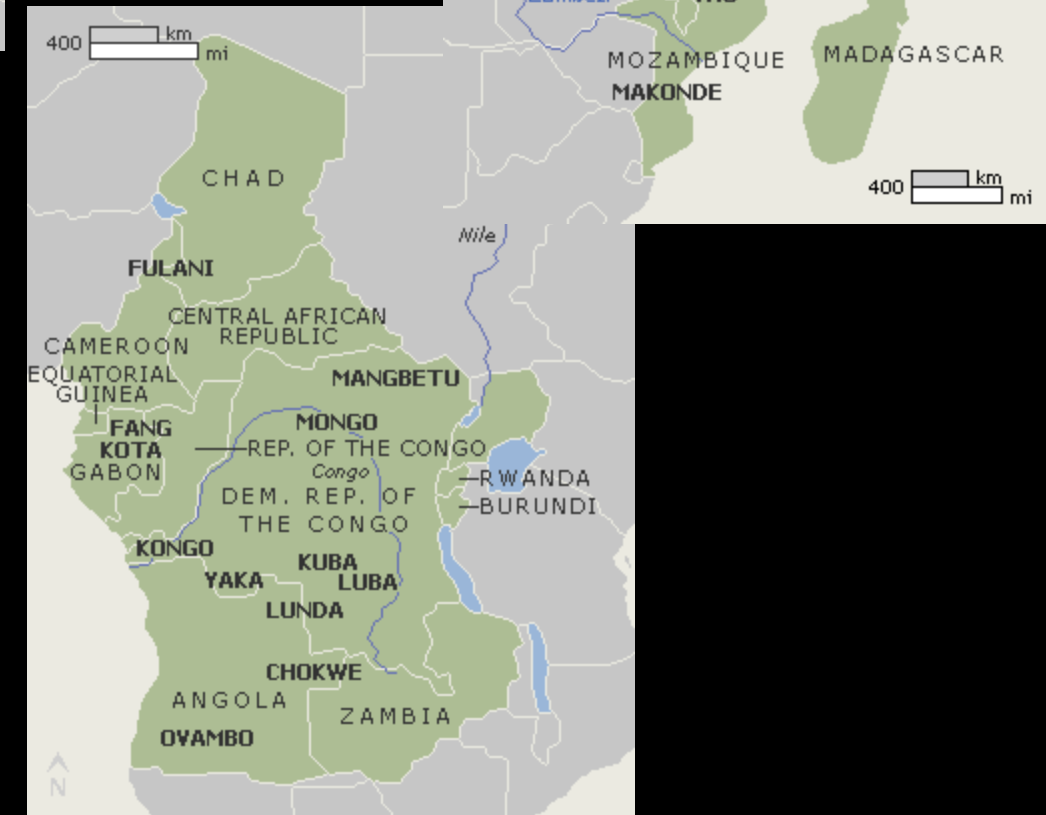
- Africa has 54 countries
- Africa has 5 climate regions
 - Mountain
 - Desert
 - Sahel
 - Savannah
 - Tropical Forest/Rainforest
- Africa has 5 geographical regions:
 - North
 - South
 - East
 - West
 - Central

Variation

- These 5 regions vary in many ways
 - Climate
 - Culture
 - People
 - Language
 - Ethnic Group
 - Religion
 - History



-  Northern Africa
-  Western Africa
-  Middle Africa
-  Eastern Africa
-  Southern Africa

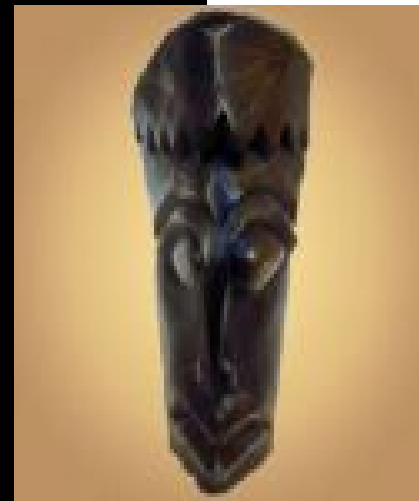




The diversity of ethnic groupings which bear names sometimes, but by no means always, similar to the languages they speak, is illustrated on the map above. This includes a portion of the names of well-known ethnic-linguistic groups. Their inclusion does not necessarily reflect their relative importance, nor is their location on the map, along with relation to national borders, politically definitive.

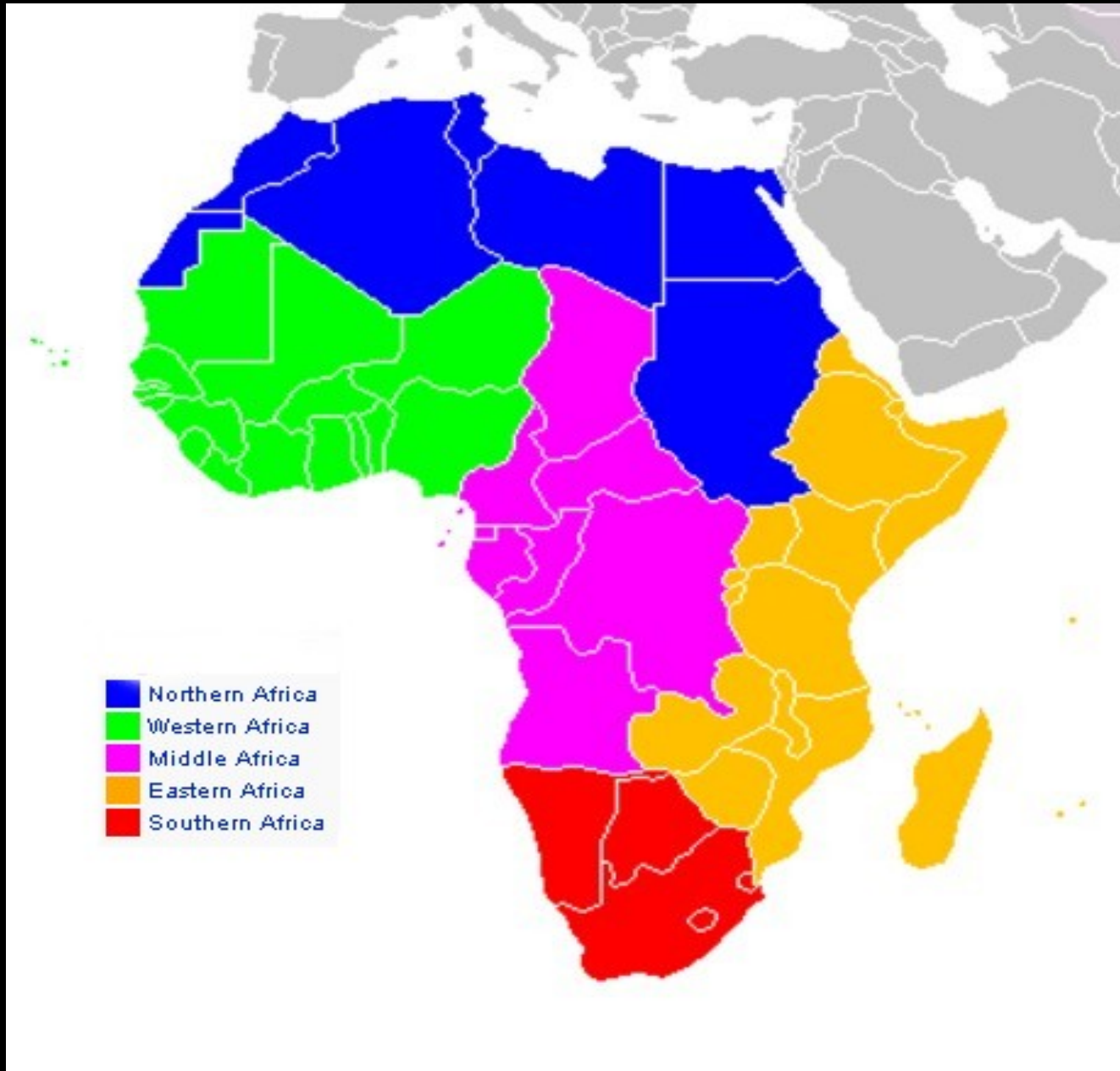
Culture

- **Culture** – the way of life of a group of people who share similar beliefs and customs.
- Culture includes:
 - Food
 - Clothing
 - Homes
 - Jobs
 - Language
 - Religion
 - How people view the world, etc...



- The people and cultures of Africa are extremely *DIVERSE!*

NORTH Africa



North Africa

- **People/Ethnic Groups**

- Arabs
- Berbers
- Bedouins

- **Religion(s)**

- Islam

- **Language(s)**

- Majority speak Arabic
- European languages include French, Italian, and English



What's Islam again?

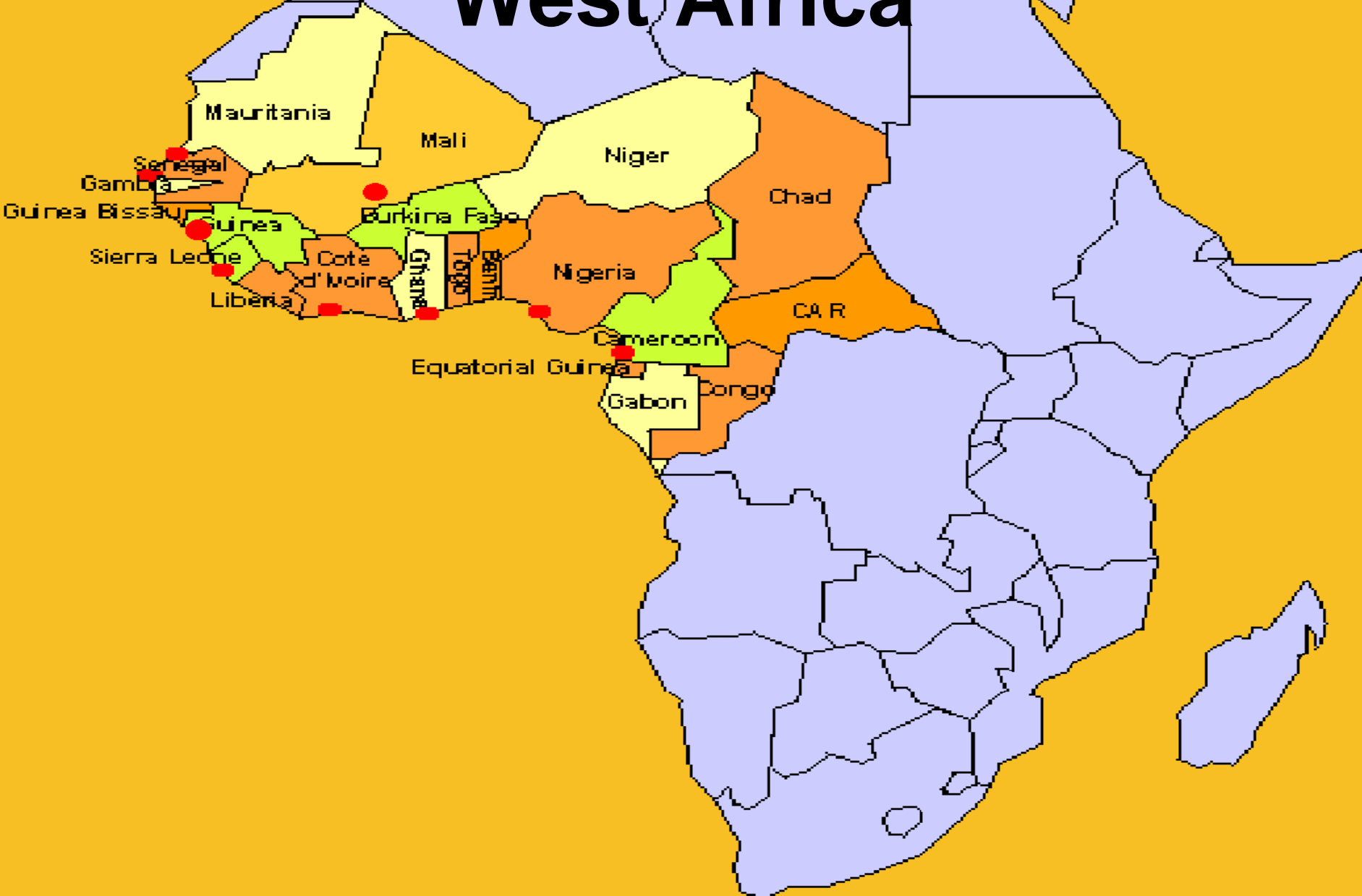
- **Islam-** *The most common monotheistic religion in the Middle East.*
 - **Religious Text:**
 - Qur'an
 - **Holy Prophet:**
 - Muhammad
 - **God:**
 - Allah
 - **Beliefs:**
 - 5 Pillars

(Arabs) Interesting Facts....

- Migration
- Largest group in SW Asia & Africa



West Africa



West Africa

- **People/Ethnic Groups**
 - [Ashanti](#)
 - Nigeria: Hausa, Fulani, Yoruba, and Igbo
- **Religion(s)**
 - Christianity & Islam are the most common religions
 - Also traditional religions
- **Language(s)**
 - Hundreds of different native languages
 - European languages include French, English, and Portuguese



NOT this Ashanti!



Traditional Religion?

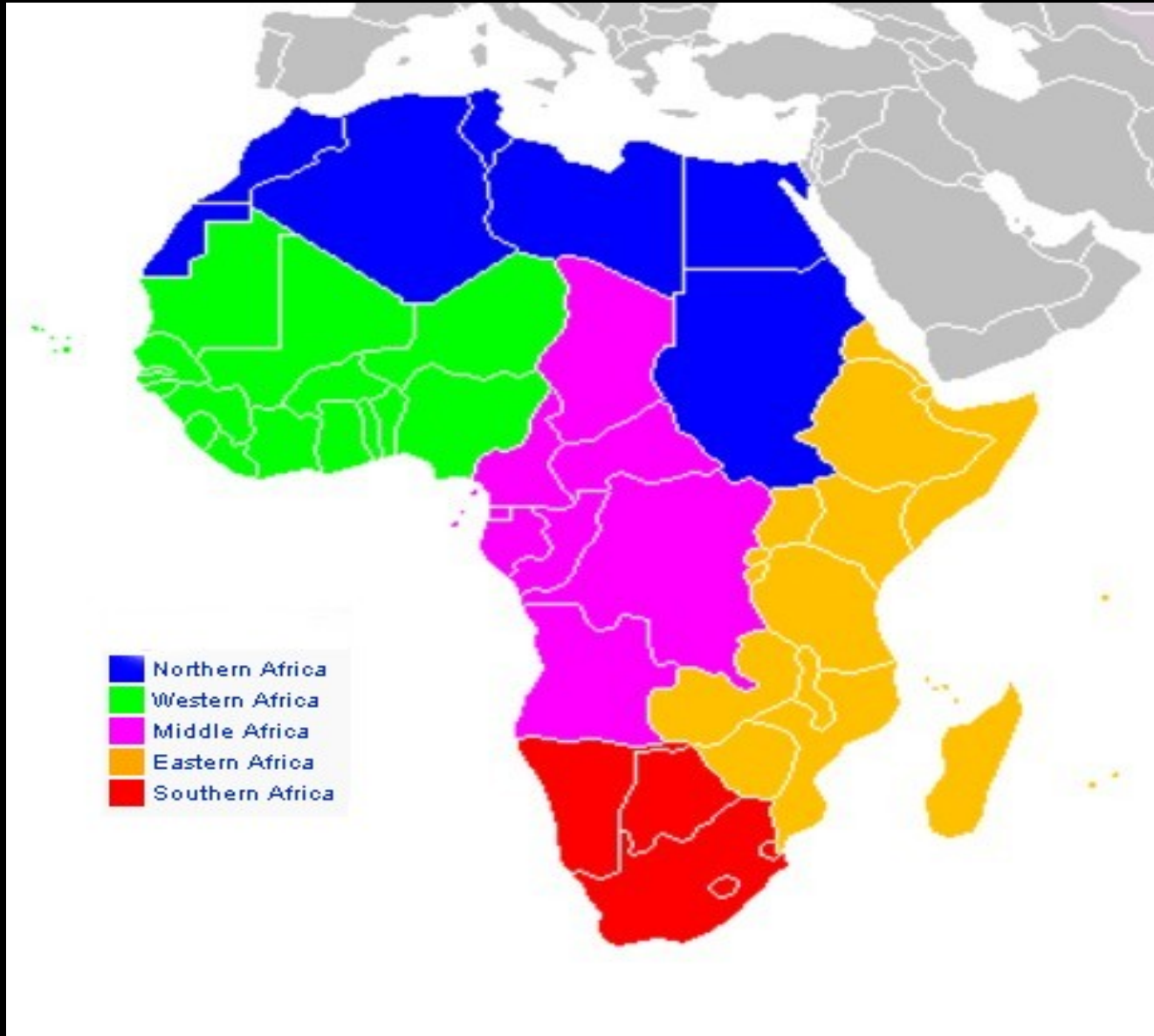
- **Traditional Religion-** May include worship of ancestors, spirits, magic, gods, animals, or nature
 - Usually practiced in tribes, or village groups
 - NOT an organized form of religion

(Ashanti) Interesting Facts....

- Population: 10 million
- Sacred Golden Stool
- **Animism**= Believe animals have souls
- Women > Men
- Weaving- kente cloth



EAST Africa



The Cultures of East Africa

- East Africa has great cultural diversity because its location is along the Indian Ocean.

East Africa

- **People/Ethnic Groups**
 - Swahili
- **Religion(s)**
 - Christianity & Islam
- **Language(s)**
 - Swahili
 - European languages include French & English

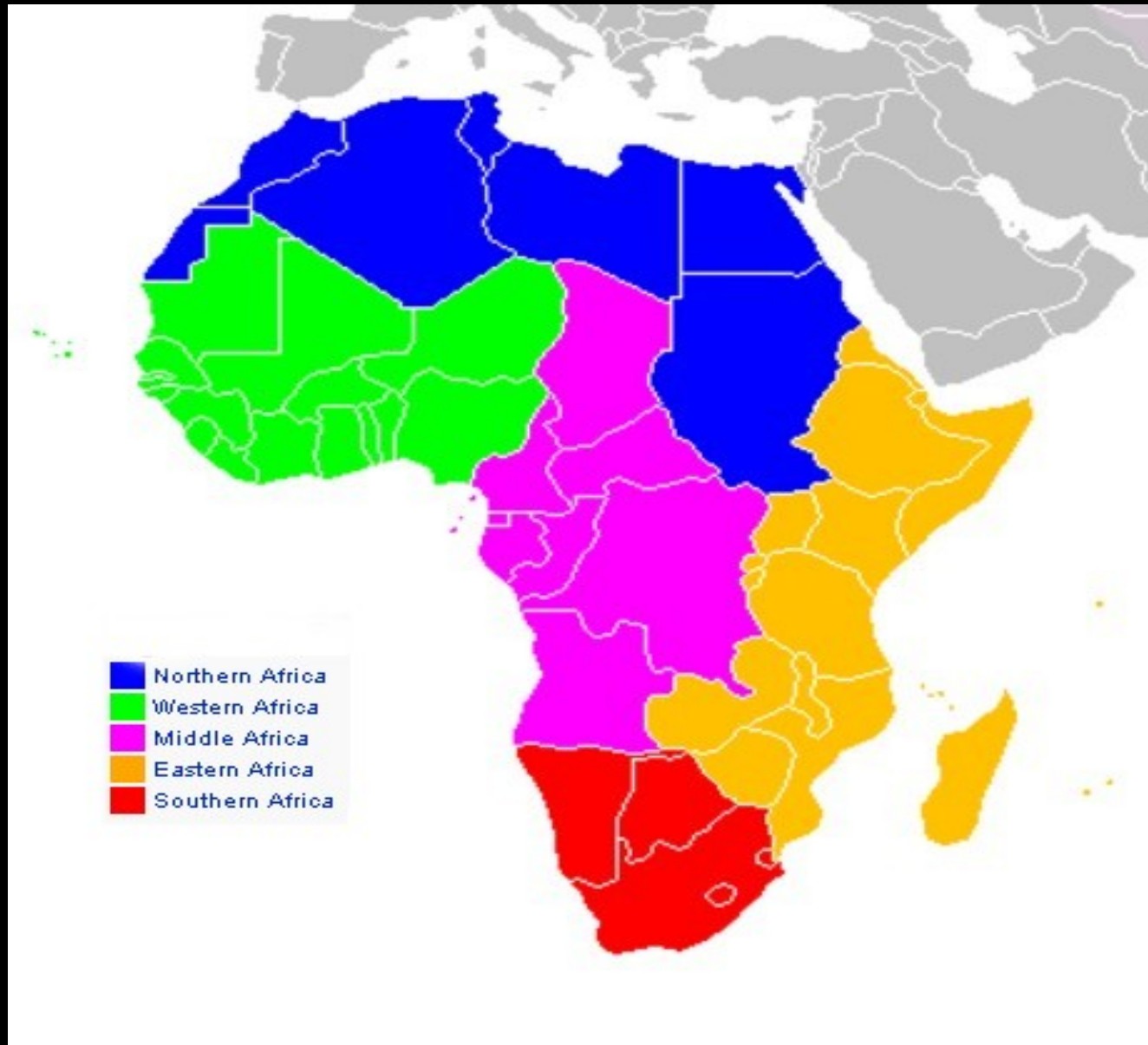


(Swahili) Interesting Facts....

- “Swahili”= coastal dwellers
- Their language is spoken by over 90 million people in Africa
- **Food/drink:** rice and lamb dishes, hot tea



SOUTH & CENTRAL Africa



South & Central Africa

- People/Ethnic Groups
 - Bantu
- Religion(s)
 - Christianity & Islam
- Language(s)
 - Bantu
 - European languages include French, English, and Portuguese



(Bantu) Interesting Facts....

- Oldest ethnic group in Africa
- 150 Bantu languages
- Age sets



The Cultures of Africa

Region	North Africa	West Africa	East Africa	Central and Southern Africa
Culture	<p><u>Islam</u> and the <u>Arabic</u> language unite the peoples of North Africa</p>	<p><u>Hundreds</u> of ethnic groups that speak different languages The Ashanti people are here.</p>	<p><u>Swahili</u> a mix of African and Arab cultures.</p>	<p><u>Hundreds</u> of ethnic groups that speak different forms of the Bantu languages South Africa is still largely economically divided by skin color.</p>

Which of the following *is not* an issue facing Africa today?

A. Desertification

B. Deforestation

C. Water Shortages

D. Lack of Natural Resources



Where is Lake Victoria?

Kalahari is to *desert* as *Atlas* is
to

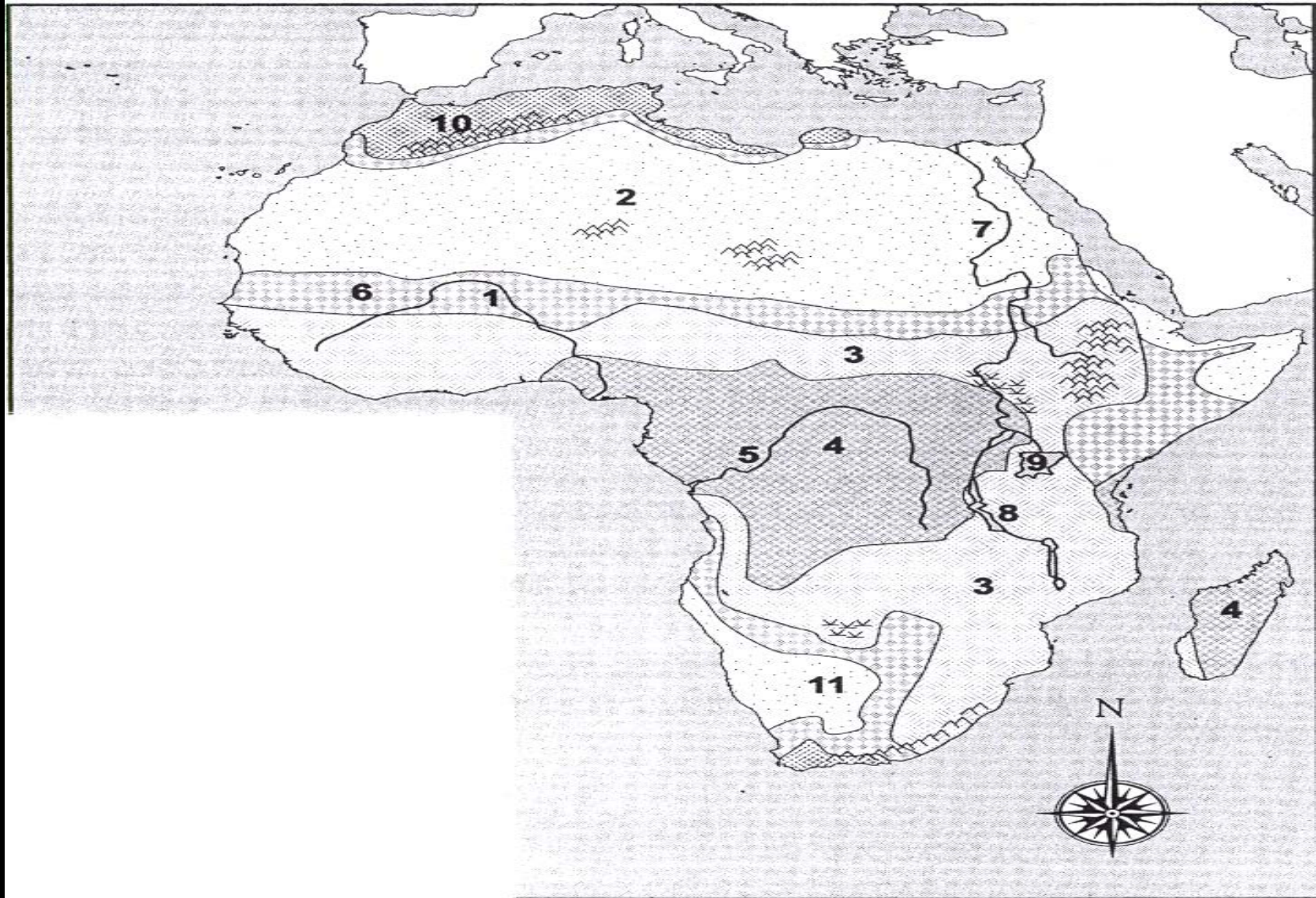
A.Lake

B.Mountains

C.River

D.Plateau

Where is the Nile River?





Where is South Sudan?

Which ethnic group lives in West Africa

Ethnic Group	Location	Religion
Arab	Spread into North Africa in the late 600s AD	Introduced Islam into North Africa.
Ashanti	Found in the modern country of Ghana. Their culture has played a part the countries of Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, and Togo.	The traditional Ashanti believe that all living things have souls. Also practice Christianity and Islam.
Bantu	Migrated to the Central and Southern parts of Africa over 2,000 years ago.	Many Bantu practice animism, or the belief that spirits are found in natural objects and surroundings. Also practice Christianity and Islam.
Swahili	Developed along the coast of East Africa. Many people in the countries of Kenya, Tanzania, and Mozambique share the culture.	Because contact with Arab traders was such a big part of their history, most of the Swahili today are Muslims.

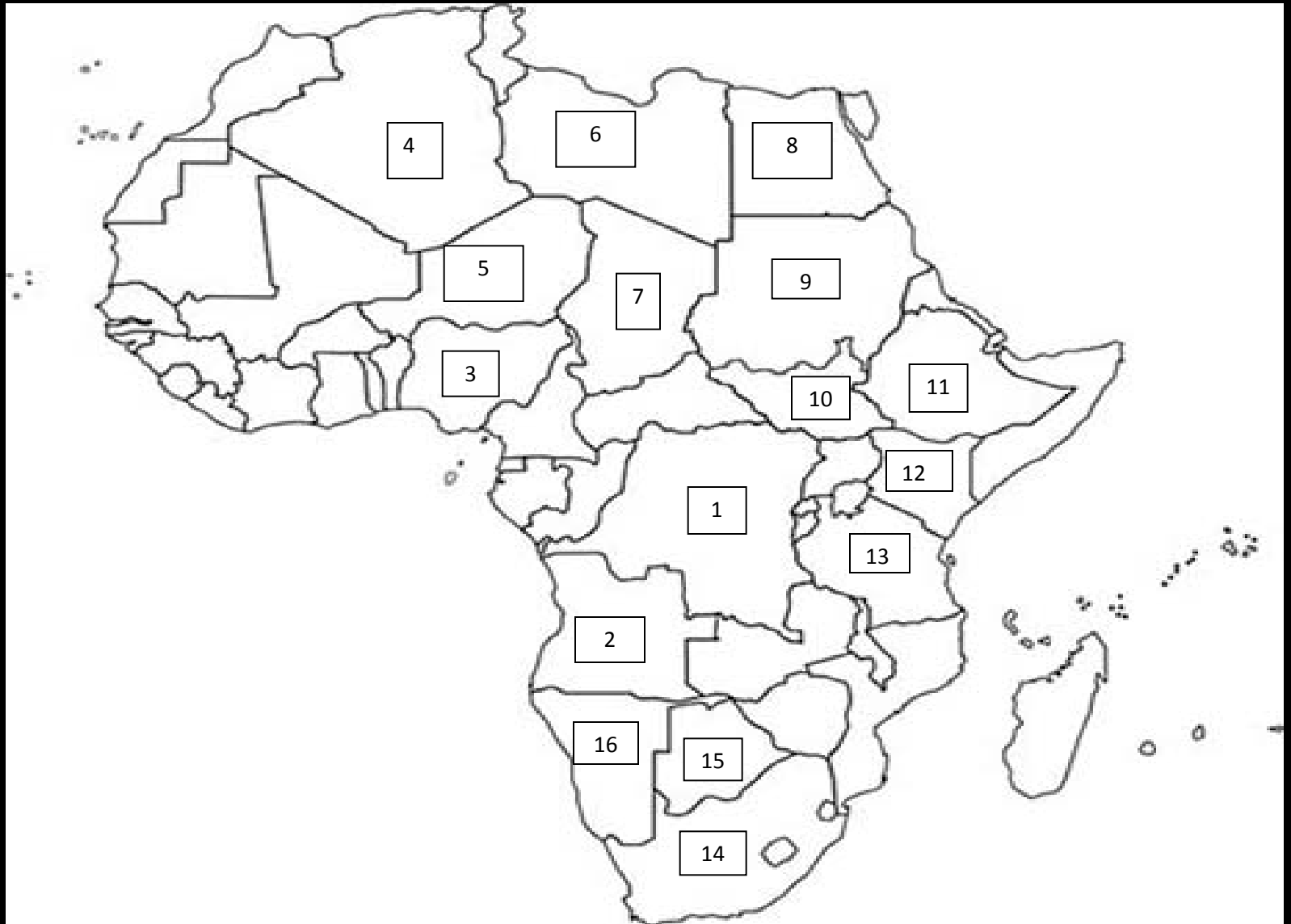
A. Arab

B. Ashanti

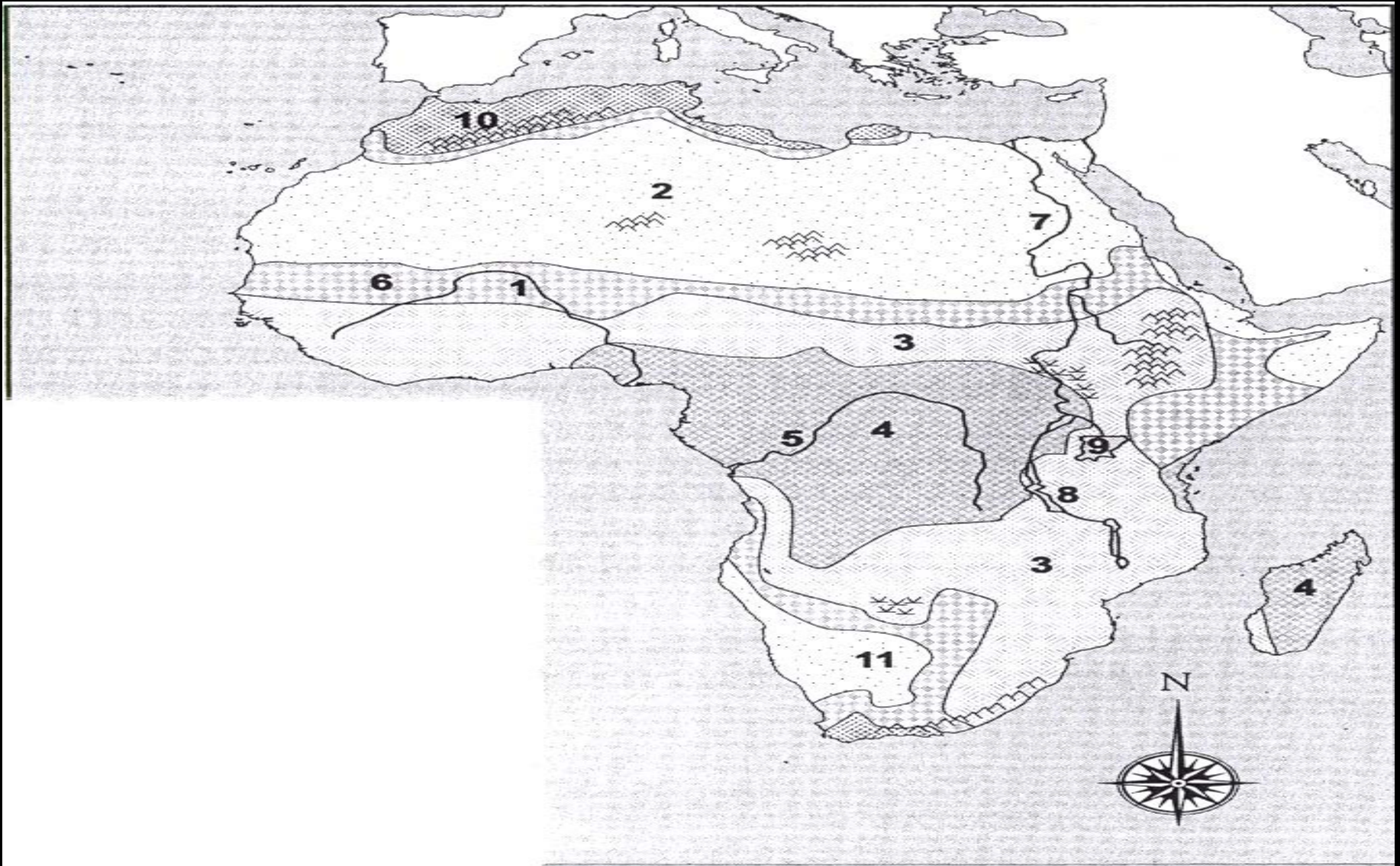
C. Bantu

D. Swahili

What is 9?



What is number 4?



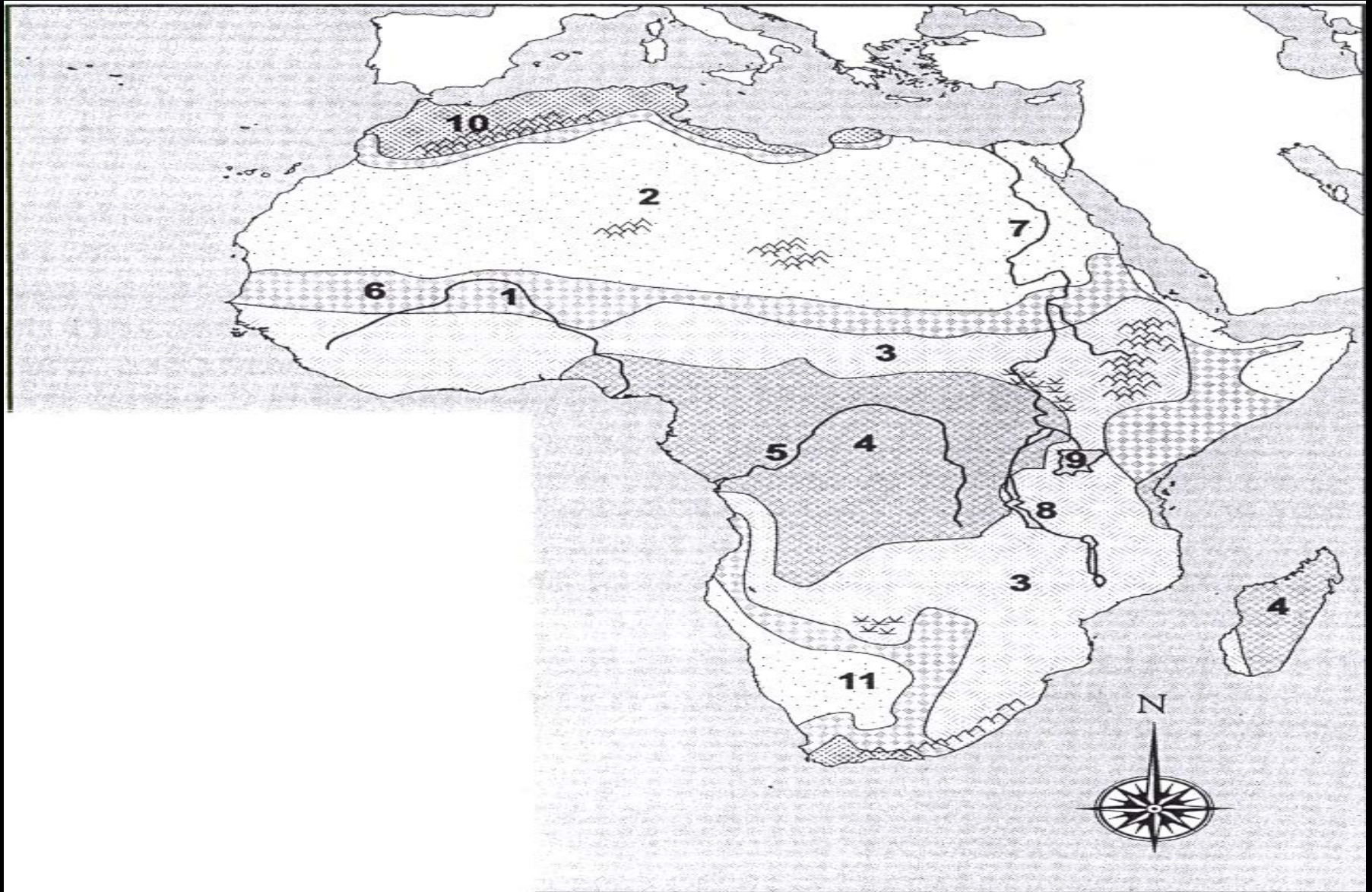


Where is Kenya?

Arab, Ashanti, Bantu, and Swahili are all examples of ethnic groups because

- A. the people of each group all grow similar food.**
- B. the people of each group share a language or religion.**
- C. the people of each group share a belief in god or gods.**
- D. the people of each group like to read the same literature.**

Where is the Sahara Desert?



The Sahel is a strip of land that divides the Sahara from wetter areas. Which of the following climates is *most* closely associated with the Sahel?

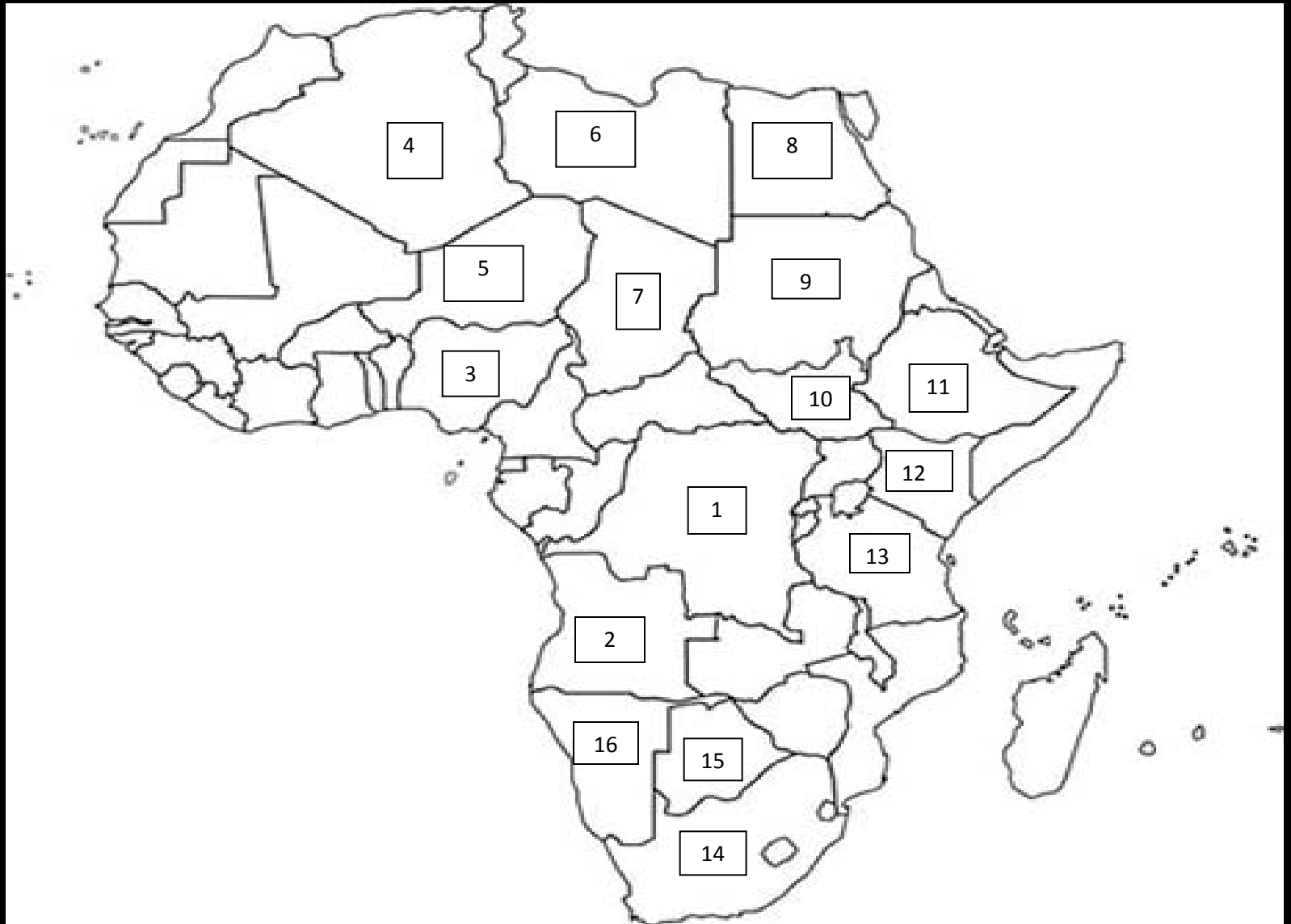
A. Steppe

B. Desert

C. Humid Tropical

D. Highland

Where is Nigeria?





Where is Saudi Arabia?

African Pen Pal

- You have a friend who does not have a telephone, computer, and internet in another country.
- You find out that your penpal had to quit school and work to help his family.
- You decide to use your letter to teach your friend what you are learning in Social Studies.

African Pen Pal

- You are the teacher so how will you teach them?
- You can rewrite your notes in your own words, draw pictures for them to understand the geography, or other ways to help teach them what you are learning.

African Pen Pal

- It must be 3 paragraphs. Each paragraph has a minimal of 5 sentences in them.
- Since your penpal does not have a cellphone, computer, or internet, you cannot text talk. They will not understand it.
- You can make up the name of your friend you are writing.

African Pen Pal

- 1st paragraph: Saying hello to your penpal, talking about what you have been up to, letting them know how much do not like that they are not in school, and even start teaching them.
- “Hi Ashtel,
- I am so sorry to hear that you are not going to school to help your family. What job will you do? I cannot stand that you are not getting your education, so I will be your teacher.”

African Pen Pal

- 2nd paragraph: If you did not start teaching in your 1st paragraph, you will start teaching here.
- 3rd paragraph: Continue to teach, summarize what you said, say good bye.