

Chapter 11

Civilizations of Africa

Section 1

Africa and the Bantu

Introduction

- About _____ years ago people began migrating out of West Africa
- _____ - maybe population growth
- Over generations people moved further and further from homeland
- This migration (movement of people) took people across Africa south of the Sahara
- Descendants today over 200 million
- Bantu- describes





BANTU MIGRATIONS

- Original Bantu homeland
- Bantu states, c. 14th century
- East Bantu migrations
- West Bantu migrations

Africa's Physical Geography

- _____ along equator
- Savanna (_____)
 - Home to most of the African animals
- _____ north and south of savannah
 - _____ - north Africa- world's largest desert
- _____ - north to south in east Africa
- Not everyone in the same climate region lives the same way

The Bantu Migrations

- This History of Sub-Saharan Africa
 - Migrations took _____ of years
 - Sahara cut off Europe from sub-Saharan Africa
 - History of this area is vague- based on _____
 - History wasn't written down- _____ (accounts of the past that people pass down by word of mouth)
 - Many peoples used _____ - has since broken down
 - Even iron has _____
 - Some new technologies have allowed scientists to find new info

The Bantu Migrations

- The _____
 - Early people were fishers, farmers, or herders
 - Lived in villages with others from the same clan
(_____)
 - _____ society-
- Spread of Bantu Culture
 - When Bantu people moved to where others lived, either:
 - The older group _____ Bantu ways- ex: Bantu introduction of crops like yams
 - The Bantu _____
 - Brought iron tools with them- allowed the to clear trees, use spears and arrows for hunting and war