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Study Guide 5-2

1. Who made up an extended family in West Africa?

2. West African society expected each person to be _____ to their extended family.

3. Men who had been born within the same two or three years formed special bonds called _____.

4. In what ways did the elders teach the family traditions to younger generations?

5. West Africans believed that the spirits of their dead ancestors stayed nearby. How did families honor these spirits?

6. What role did animism play in West African culture?

7. Name and describe 4 parts of West African village society.

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8. Why were extended families and age-sets important in early West African cultures?

9. What important discovery happened about 500 BC?

10. Who were the first people to use this new discovery?

11. What are 3 causes of West Africa's population growth after people discovered how to work with iron?

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12. What allowed traders to travel farther across the desert? Why?

13. Why was crossing the Sahara as part of a trade caravan dangerous work?

14. What were the most valuable goods traded across the Sahara?

15. In what direction did the main trade items of West Africa move?