



World Studies: Countries, Cultures, and Connections-7

Chapter 11: Federal Republic of Nigeria

Section 2: A Brief History of Nigeria

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. As a result of its _____ within the continent of Africa, the people of Nigeria have come into frequent contact with traders from different parts of the world.
2. The first group of traders to come to Nigeria were _____ (people involved in trade) from North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.
3. There were four trans-Saharan trade routes, and _____ of them went through Nigeria.
4. Even after the British abolished the _____ trade in Britain in 1807, British interest in Nigeria did not end.
5. British influence and _____ over Nigeria grew throughout the 19th century.
6. The British also brought _____ to convert Nigerians to Christianity.
7. As the _____ - _____ movement began to spread through Nigeria and the rest of West Africa, many Nigerians began to push for their independence from the _____.
8. Nigeria finally gained _____ from Britain in 1960, and most people expected the new state to be stable and calm.
9. Within a few months, however, _____ broke out between the Christian south and the Muslim north.
10. _____ means love for one's country and a desire for independence from other nations.

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11. The East Igbo people declared themselves the _____
_____ of Biafra.
12. _____ and outbreaks of violence marked
the following decades.
13. Still, Nigeria is in its longest period of _____
since independence.
14. In 1999, a new _____ was adopted and a peaceful
transition to civilian government was completed.