

Vocabulary Builder Activity



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A. Content Vocabulary

Directions Select a vocabulary term from the box that best answers each question below. Write the term in the blank.

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| savannas | griot | dhow |
| plateau | clan | Swahili |
| extended family | matrilineal | oral history |
| sugarcane | spiritual | |

Which of these

- are the grasslands that cover about 40 percent of Africa’s land area? _____
- is the unique culture of East Africa’s coast and the language spoken there? _____
- is a group of people who have descended from the same ancestor? _____
- is a family made up of several generations? _____
- is a traditional African storyteller? _____
- means tracing ancestry through mothers rather than fathers? _____
- is the type of landform in which the Great Rift Valley was created? _____
- was a sailboat used by Arab Muslim traders to sail along the coast of East Africa? _____

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9. is a grassy plant that is processed to make sugar?

10. is a gospel song? _____

11. are the stories passed down from generation to generation? _____

B. Academic Vocabulary: Matching

Directions Match the vocabulary term in the left column to the correct definition in the right column. Write the letter of the matching definition on the line next to each term.

- _____ 1. area
- _____ 2. adequate
- _____ 3. transport
- _____ 4. unique
- _____ 5. maintain
- _____ 6. guarantee
- _____ 7. community
- _____ 8. contact
- _____ 9. major
- _____ 10. similar

- A. interaction with other people
- B. enough for a particular requirement
- C. promise
- D. a large group with common values living in an area
- E. the land included within a set of boundaries
- F. one of a kind
- G. having characteristics in common
- H. to transfer or carry from one place to another
- I. to keep in the same condition
- J. great in rank or importance

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C. Combined Vocabulary Reinforcement

Directions Review the terms listed in the word bank below and locate each term in the chapter text. Then, place each word in the correct column according to its part of speech, as it appears in Chapter 15 of your textbook. Not all columns will be entirely filled with words.

area
adequate
community
dhow

guarantee
maintain
major
matrilineal

similar
sugarcane
transport
unique

Noun	Verb	Adjective/Adverb
1.	7.	11.
2.	8.	12.
3.	9.	13.
4.	10.	14.
5.		15.
6.		16.