

AFRICA – HISTORY AND CULTURE



The map of Africa

A- HOW DID THE WORLD BEGIN ?

African people tell different stories about the beginning of the world.

Here is one story from Nigeria. The sentences are not in the right order.

Can you write out the whole story in the right order ?

- a- Then he also made a huge black bag, attached everything to an iron chain and dropped it all out of the sky.
- b- When they were in the palm-tree, one of the seven princes opened the black bag, and something fell out into the water. It got bigger and bigger and became the earth. That is how the world began.

- c- In the beginning the world wasn't there. There was the sky above and the water underneath.
There was nothing in the sky or water.
- d- The seven princes climbed into huge palm-tree, and the chain went back into the sky.
- e- Olodoumare, the king and father of everything, made seven princes, seven calabashes, seven bags full of cauris, a chicken and a lot of irons bars.
- f- After dropping the big black bag out of the sky, he put a palm-nut in the water, and at once a great palm-tree grew very quickly.

B- HAVE YOU EVER HEAR OF MANSA MUSA ?

Read this story about him. Fill in the gaps with one of the words in this box :

about - across - after - back - by - in - of - round - to -

Mansa Musa was the king of the great Empire ... Mali in West Africa ... the 14th century. He was very rich because there was a lot of gold ... his country. For a long time Mansa Musa looked forward to going ... Mecca on pilgrimage. One day he started the long journey ... the desert to Cairo. When he got to Cairo, the king there showed him ... the huge city. Then he went ... boat to mecca to visit the holy places ... that he went ... to Mali. Mansa Musa was very famous. Even people in Europe knew ... him.

Use these words :

famous	great
holy	rich
important	

What do you think people in Cairo said about Mansa Musa ?

Make some sentences like these :

- a-** He was the ... est king in West Africa.
- b-** He was the most ... king in west Africa.