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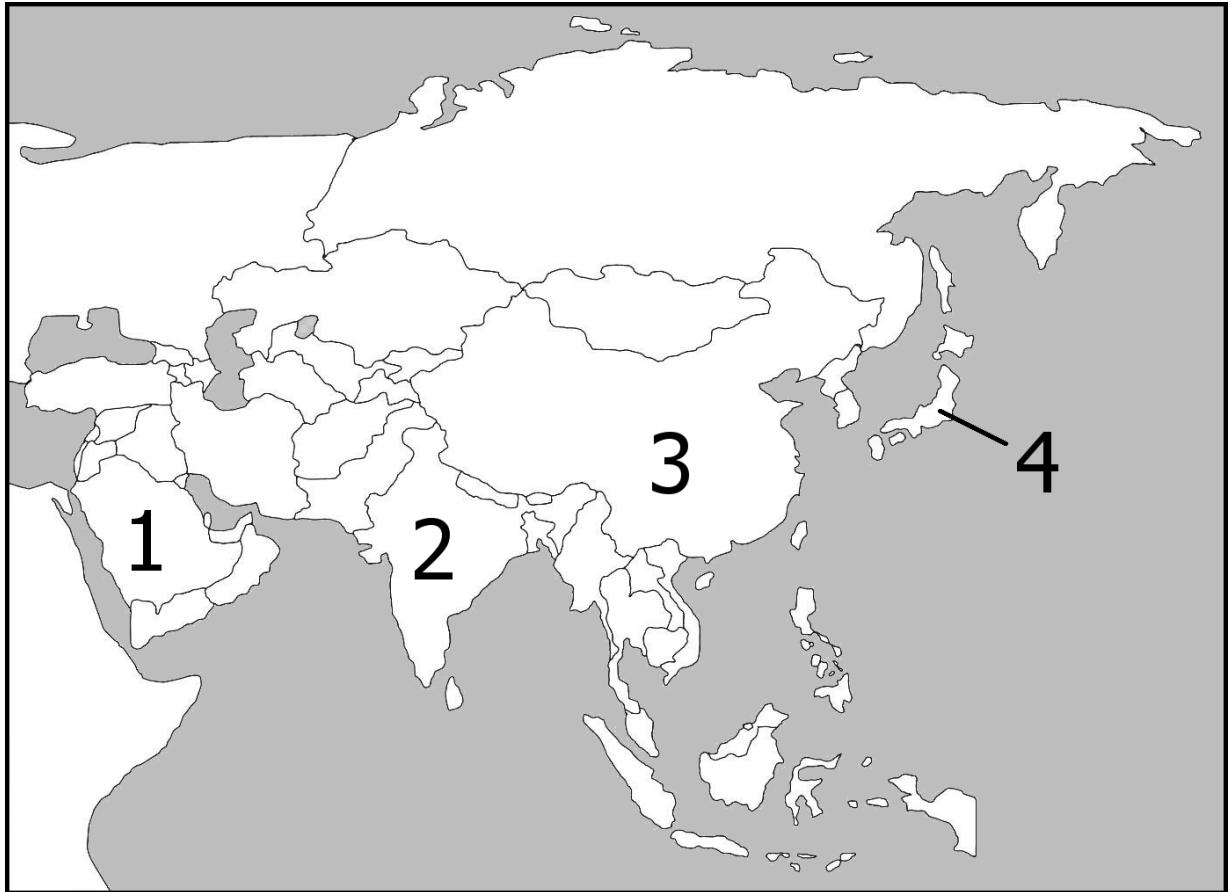
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**Directions: Read each question, and choose the correct answer.
Then mark the space on your answer sheet for the
answer you have chosen.**

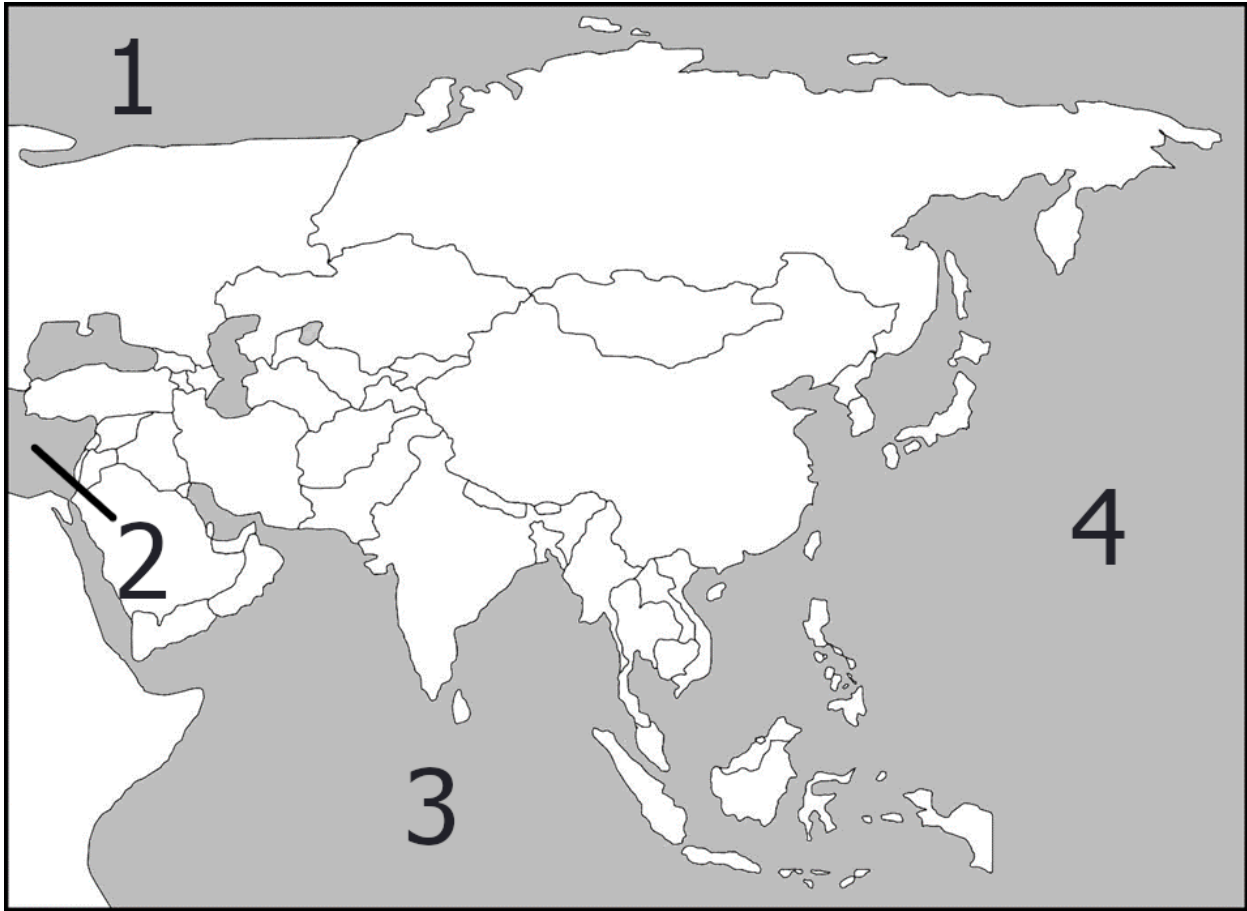
1. This is a map of Asia.



Which number *correctly* identifies Japan?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

2. This is a map of Asia.



Which number *correctly* identifies the Pacific Ocean?

- A** 1
- B** 2
- C** 3
- D** 4

3. How did the reunification of China under the Tang Dynasty impact the region?

- A** It helped promote the spread of Buddhism.
- B** It increased the influence of Europe in the region.
- C** It created an alliance between Japan and China.
- D** It created an economic depression in China.

4. The Song Dynasty was responsible for which invention?

- A** gunpowder
- B** irrigation
- C** steel
- D** wheel

5. This chart describes the achievements of one historical figure.

?
founded the Mongol Empire
conquered most of Eurasia
encouraged religious tolerance

Which historical figure completes this chart?

- A** Constantine
- B** Siddhartha Gautama
- C** Justinian
- D** Genghis Khan

6. How did the rule of Kublai Khan impact the Yuan Dynasty?

- A** It allied the dynasty with India and Japan.
- B** It created an economic depression within the dynasty.
- C** It expanded the dynasty into the Middle East and Europe.
- D** It brought democracy to the dynasty.

7. Which events helped increase European influence in China in the 1200s?

Select ***three*** that apply.

- A** explorations of Marco Polo
- B** increased trade on the Silk Road
- C** military alliances between India and China
- D** Mongolian expansion
- E** development of gunpowder

8. This is a photograph of a structure created by an ancient civilization.

Which ancient civilization created this structure?

- A** Byzantine Empire
- B** Ming Dynasty
- C** Mongolian Empire
- D** Yuan Dynasty

9. This is a poem inspired by the teachings of Shinto.

Since it was midnight.
With heavy rain clouds
Layered thick,
How was I to know as I passed
That the kami was there?

Based on this poem, which is true?

- A** Shinto focuses on human inventions.
- B** Shinto supports the belief of one god.
- C** Shinto supports the practice of religious pilgrimage.
- D** Shinto focuses on the spirits of nature.

10. What is one way that China influenced Japanese culture?

- A** Buddhism became popular in Japan.
- B** Japan used Chinese languages.
- C** Japan modeled its government on China's.
- D** Christianity became popular in Japan.

11. This chart describes several social roles in Japan during the 12th century.

Social Roles in Japan During the 12 th Century	
Title	Role
daimyo	wealthy landowners
artisan	skilled laborers and entertainers
?	soldiers and protectors of daimyo

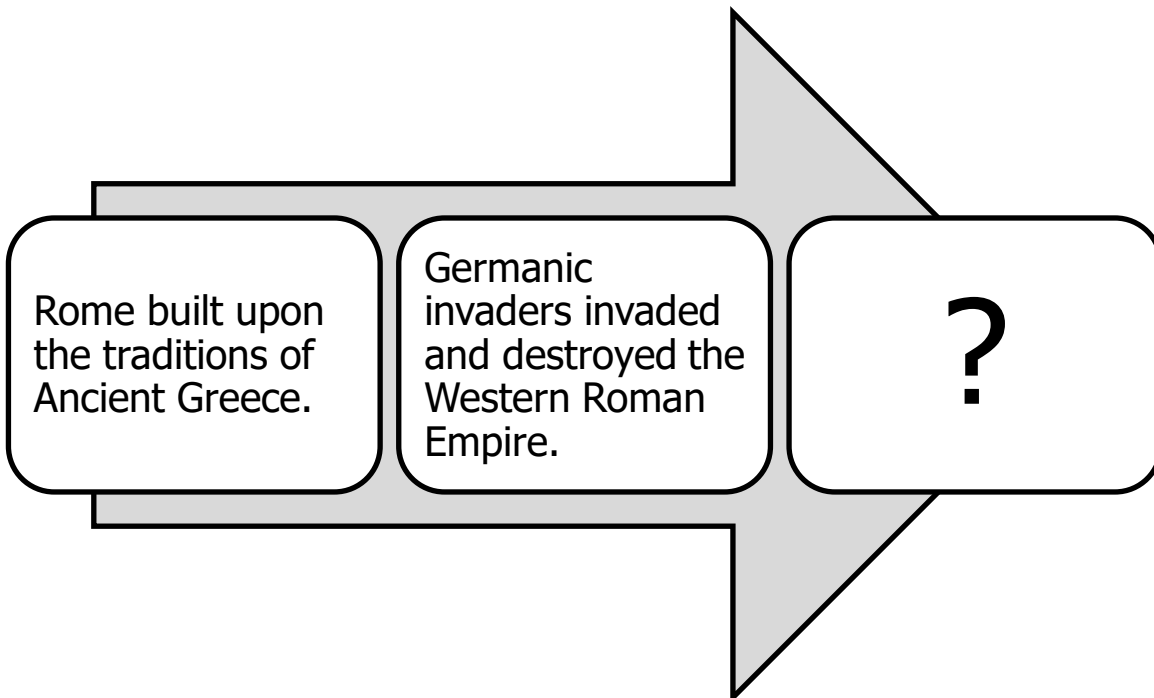
Which title completes this chart?

- A** consul
- B** king
- C** pharaoh
- D** samurai

12. Which period is *best* known for the growth of art and writing in Japanese history?

- A** Heian Period
- B** Samurai Period
- C** Tang Dynasty
- D** Yuan Dynasty

13. This is a time line of events in European history.



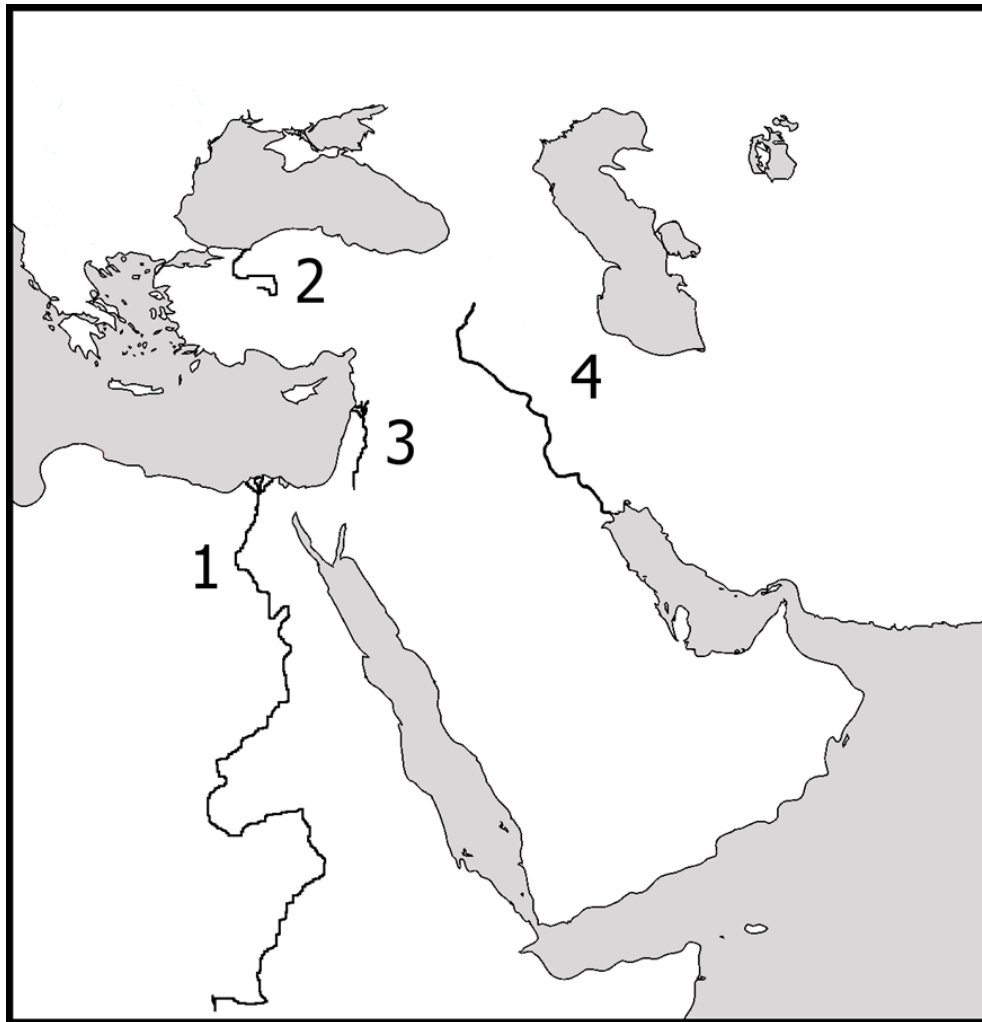
Which event completes this time line?

- A** Genghis Khan invaded the Byzantine Empire.
- B** Jerusalem was named the new capital of the Byzantine Empire.
- C** The Byzantine Empire continued the traditions of the Roman Empire.
- D** The Byzantine Empire invented democratic government.

14. How did the rule of Justinian have a positive impact on the Byzantine Empire?

- A** He made an alliance between the empire and the Germanic invaders.
- B** He expanded the empire further into Europe.
- C** He made Islam the official religion of the empire.
- D** He allowed Germanic invaders to become citizens of the empire.

15. This is a map of the Middle East.



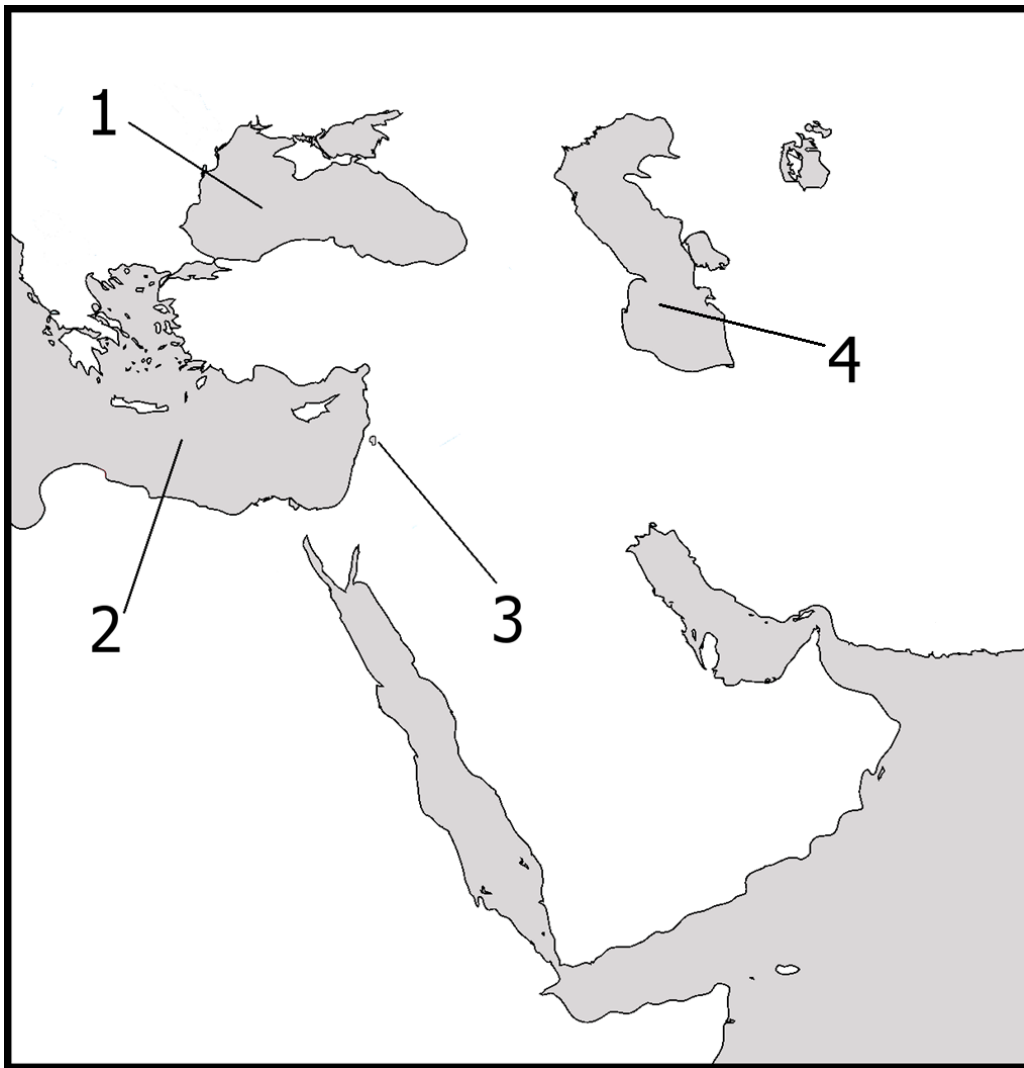
Which number *correctly* identifies the Tigris River?

- A** 1
- B** 2
- C** 3
- D** 4

16. Mecca is located in which geographic region?

- A** Indian Subcontinent
- B** Middle East
- C** Nile River Delta
- D** Yellow River Valley

17. This is a map of the Middle East.



Which number *correctly* identifies the Mediterranean Sea?

- A** 1
- B** 2
- C** 3
- D** 4

18. Why is Mohammad a significant figure in Islam?

- A** Muslims believe that he was the author of the Bible.
- B** Muslims believe that he was the last pharaoh of Egypt.
- C** Muslims believe that he was the prophet of God.
- D** Muslims believe that he was the son of Jesus.

19. This chart lists the Five Pillars of Islam.

Five Pillars of Islam
declaration of faith
mandatory prayer
compulsory giving
?
fasting during Ramadan

Which pillar completes this chart?

- A** college education
- B** military service
- C** pilgrimage to Mecca
- D** study of Judaism

20. Which holy texts are important to Islam?

Select two that apply.

- A** Brahmanas
- B** Qur'an
- C** Sunnah
- D** Sutras
- E** Talmud

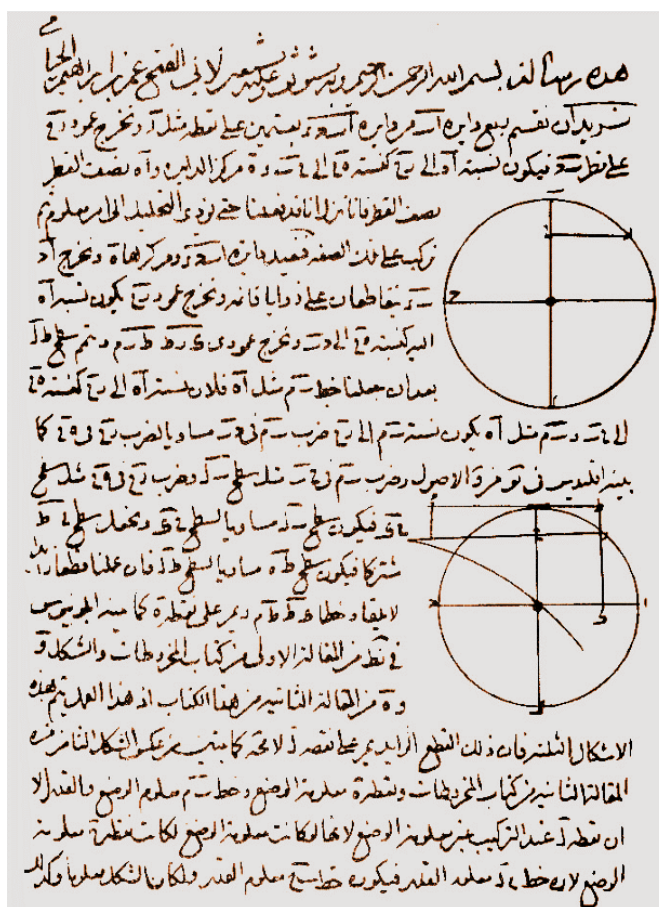
21. How did trade through northern Africa impact Islam?

- A** It decreased the popularity of Islam.
- B** It introduced polytheism to Islamic teachings.
- C** It unified all Islamic communities.
- D** It spread Islam into the region.

22. Why is Islam popular in the Middle East?

- A Islam was created in the Middle East.
- B European explorers brought Islam to the Middle East.
- C Neighboring civilizations prevented the spread of Islam out of the Middle East.
- D Religious leaders forced followers of Islam to move to the Middle East.

23. This is a photograph of an ancient Islamic text.



This text provides evidence for which statement?

- A Muslim societies invented paper.
- B Muslim societies made advancements in mathematics.
- C Muslim societies did not create art.
- D Muslim societies did not read.

24. This chart lists the accomplishments of one historical figure.

?
led the Ottoman Empire in the 15 th century
conquered Constantinople
led many social reforms

Which historical figure completes this chart?

- A** Zeng He
- B** Justinian
- C** Genghis Khan
- D** Mehmed the Conqueror

25. Which group conquered Constantinople and renamed it Istanbul in 1453?

- A** Heian Japan
- B** Ottoman Empire
- C** Song Dynasty
- D** Yuan Dynasty

26. Trade routes through the Middle East helped connect European and Asian civilizations to civilizations on which other continent?

- A** Africa
- B** Australia
- C** North America
- D** South America

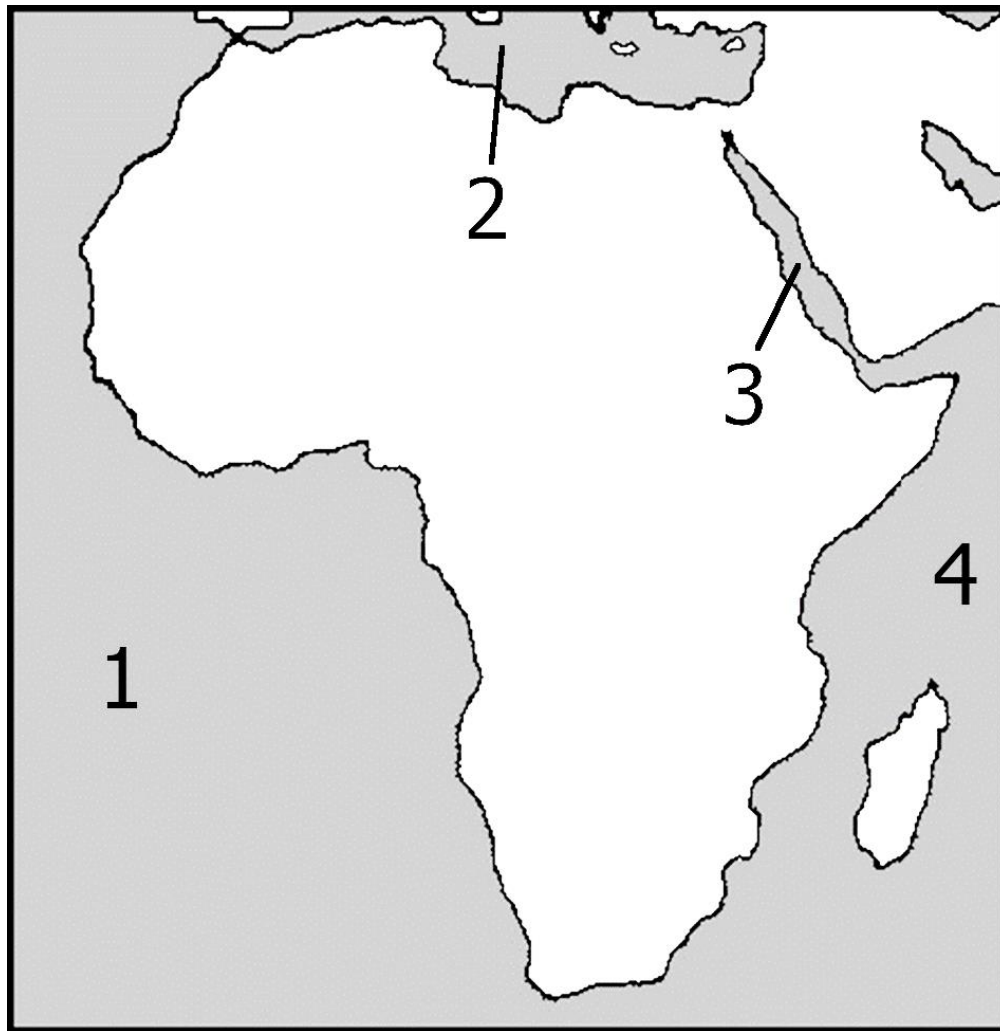
27. The growth of trade throughout the Middle East increased the importance of which class of people?

- A** merchant
- B** noble
- C** peasant
- D** soldier

28. Which city was located in West Africa?

- A** Beijing
- B** Djenne
- C** Hong Kong
- D** Tokyo

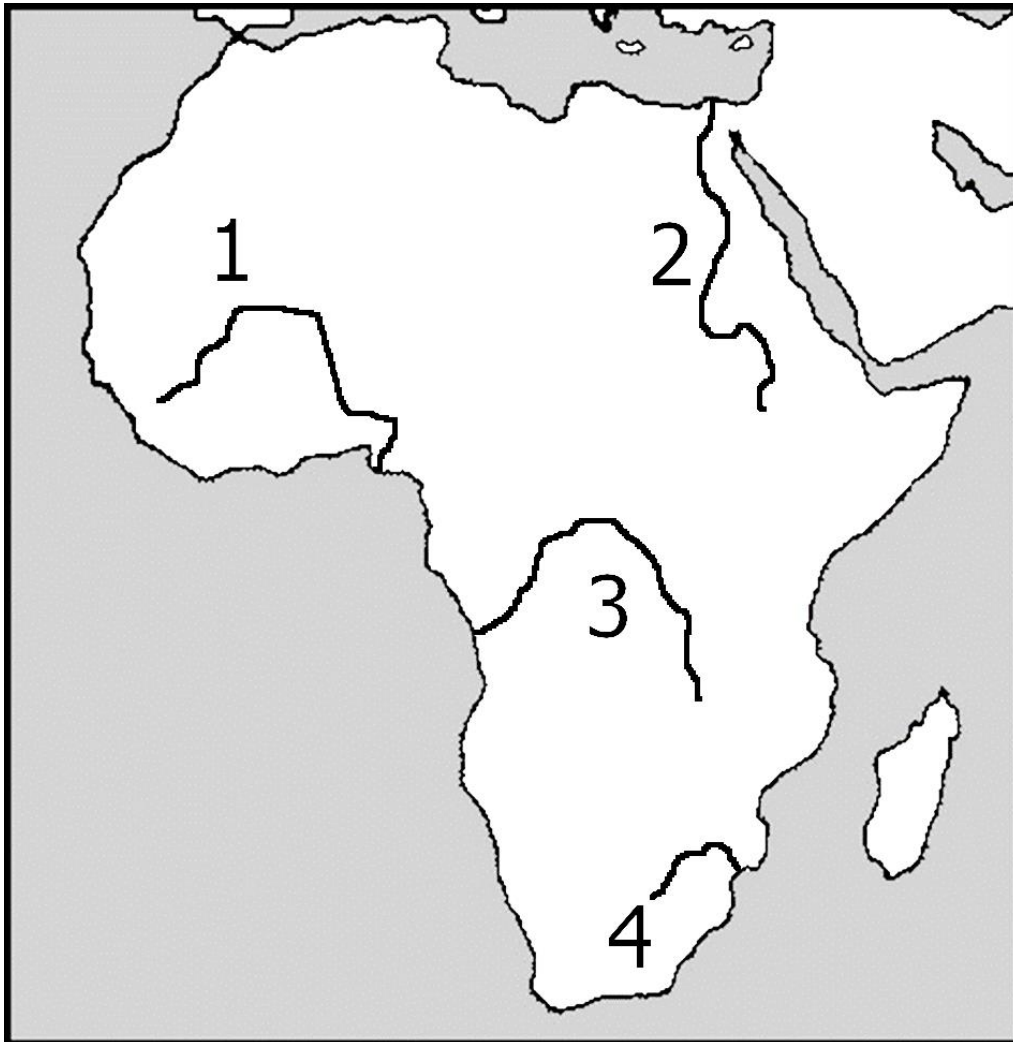
29. This is a map of Africa.



Which number *correctly* identifies the Atlantic Ocean?

- A** 1
- B** 2
- C** 3
- D** 4

30. This is a map of Africa.



Which number *correctly* identifies the location of the Niger River?

- A 1
- B 2
- C 3
- D 4

31. How is the importance of family roles demonstrated in traditional African religions?

- A Many traditional African religions prevent marriage between different nationalities.
- B Many traditional African religions allow children to become heads of churches.
- C Many traditional African religions worship the spirits of ancestors.
- D Many traditional African religions only let mothers be priests.

32. *Most* traditional African religions worship the spirits of what?

- A** animals
- B** oceans
- C** priests
- D** saints

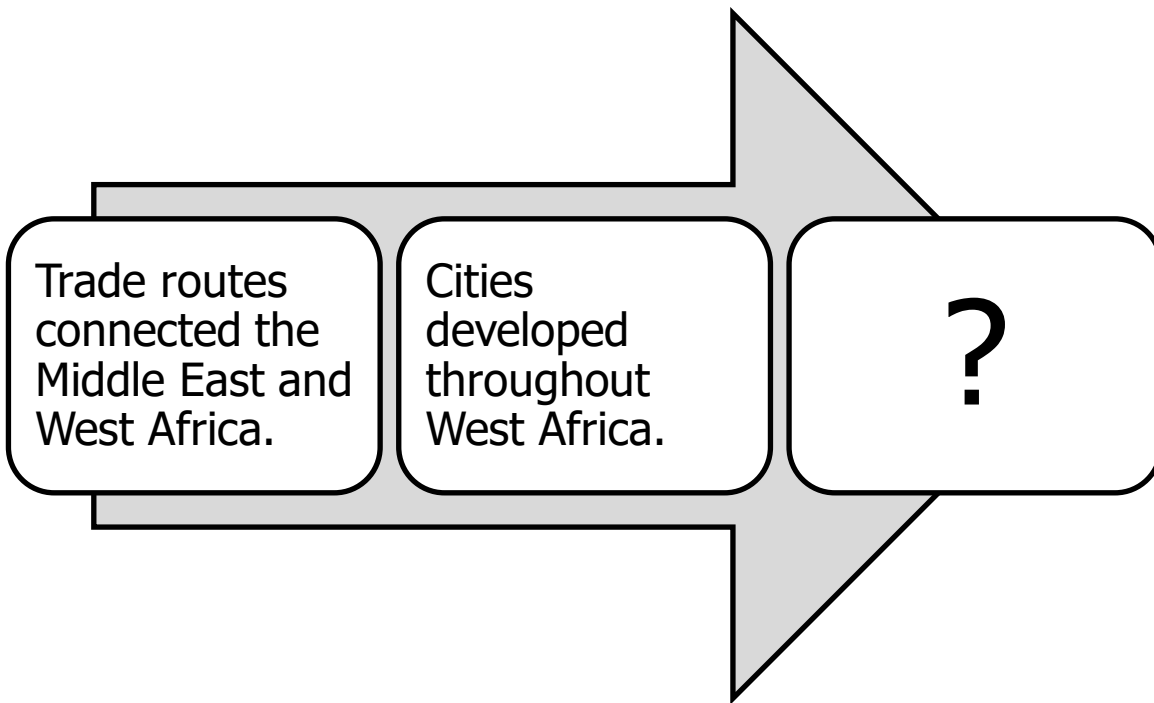
33. How did the growth of trade have a positive impact on West Africa?

- A** Weaker governments led to social conflicts in the region.
- B** Increased wealth improved education in the region.
- C** Increased military advancements helped the region expand its borders.
- D** Weaker economics made land in the region cheaper.

34. Why did the Kingdom of Mali become the *main* power of West Africa?

- A** The kingdom had a very small population.
- B** The kingdom refused to trade with Europe.
- C** The kingdom was the birthplace of Islam.
- D** The kingdom controlled the regional gold trade.

35. This is a time line of events in African history.



Which event completes this time line?

- A** Islam spread into West Africa.
- B** The economy of West Africa collapsed.
- C** West Africa invaded Egypt.
- D** Polytheism spread into West Africa.

36. The role of a griot in African culture is *most* similar to which other role?

- A** doctor
- B** police
- C** priest
- D** storyteller

37. This chart describes the role of a griot in African culture.

Griot
studies local history
teaches traditions
?

Which phrase completes this chart?

- A** helps spread culture to new generations
- B** trades goods on the open market
- C** writes laws
- D** creates art

38. Which historical figure was a king of Mali?

- A** Constantine
- B** Justinian
- C** Kublai Khan
- D** Mansa Musa

39. How did the leadership of Mansa Musa impact Islam?

- A** It spread Islam into China.
- B** It spread Islam into West Africa.
- C** It isolated Islam in the Middle East.
- D** It prevented Islam from becoming popular in Europe.

40. Why did Mansa Musa travel to Mecca?

- A** to support his conversion to Islam
- B** to support the Crusades
- C** to study new technologies
- D** to increase trade



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