

1. **Bantu:** A family of languages spoken in central and southern Africa; a member of any group of the African people who speak that language
2. **Diviner:** A person who is believed to have the power to foretell events
3. **Griot:** A special class of African storytellers who help keep alive a people's history
4. **Lineage Group:** An extended family unit that has combined into a larger community
5. **Matrilineal:** Tracing lineage through the mother rather than the father
6. **Patrilineal:** Tracing lineage through the father
7. **Plateau:** A relatively high, flat land area
8. **Savanna:** Broad grassland dotted with small trees and shrubs
9. **Stateless Society:** A group of independent villages organized into clans and led by a local ruler or clan head without any central government
10. **Subsistence Farming:** The practice of growing just enough crops for personal use, not for sale
11. **Swahili:** A mixed African-Arabic culture that developed along the east coast of Africa; also, the major language used in that area, combining Bantu with Arabic words and phrases