

SS7G4 The student will describe the diverse cultures of the people who live in Africa.

a. **Explain** the differences between an ethnic group and a religious group.

Essential Question: How are ethnic groups and religious groups different?

Answer: *Ethnic Groups have:*

- *Common Language, common customs, common physical traits*

Religious Groups have:

- *Common Beliefs and worship practices*

b. **Explain** the diversity of religions within the Arab, Ashanti, Bantu, and Swahili ethnic groups.

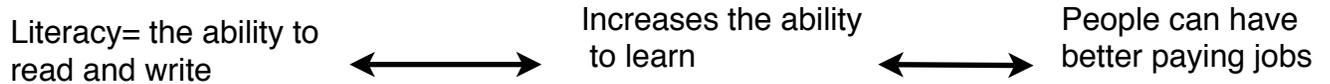
Essential Questions: How **diverse** is the religion of the Arabs, Ashanti, Bantu, And Swahili people?

Ethnic Group	Religion
Arabs (Largest Group in North Africa)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Majority of Arabs are Muslim (followers of Islam) 2. 10% of Egyptian Arabs are Coptic Christians
Ashanti (Live in West Africa)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. They believe in traditional religion (Animist) 2. They believe in spirits in all of nature; fairies 3. Nyame the one god 4. The golden stool symbol of their religion 5. The family is very important; matriarchal 6. women pick cotton; men weave kente cloth
Bantu (Central and Southern Africa)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Divided between Muslim and Christian. 2. Still have traditional beliefs in magic and curses 3. Muslim women do not wear the hijab (head covering)
Swahili (East Coast from Kenya to Tanzania and the Island of Zanzibar)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Influenced by Bantu and Arab culture; language is a mixture. 2. Religion Muslim (followers of Islam) 3. Have some traditional African beliefs in good and evil jinns

c. Evaluate how the literacy rate affects the standard of living.

Essential Question: How does literacy rate affect the standard of living?

Answer: *Literacy rate is the percentage of people in a country (or geographical area) having the ability to read and write. Standard of Living is the quality of life in a country.*



A country's standard of living, therefore also is better because of higher the literacy rate.

	Traditional African Religion	Christianity	Islam
People	Animist	Christians	Muslims
Founder	None	Jesus	Muhammad
Basic Beliefs; Practices	Spirits in all of nature; fairies or jinns; holy man the religious leader of the tribe; may believe in one god (monotheism) or more than one (polytheism)	One God (monotheism) or Trinitarian (three persons in one); Jesus is the Messiah (Christ); baptism; the resurrection of Jesus from the dead; the return of Jesus to earth	One God (monotheism); Allah is God and Muhammad is His prophet; pray five times a day; give money to the poor; fast during Ramadan; make a trip to Mecca once in their life. They do not eat pork or drink alcoholic drinks