Africa Cultural Geography

Cultures (Ethnic/Religious Groups)

Literacy Rate & Standard of Living

What is the difference between an ethnic group and a religious group?

Ethnic groups share the same background and ancestry.

Religious groups share the same belief system.

What are the cultural features of the Arab ethnic group?

Live in North Africa Speak Arabic Mostly practice Islam

What are the cultural features of the Ashanti ethnic group?

Live in West Africa

Believe as long as they have the golden stool their kingdom will stay in power

Believe in witches, demons, fairies, and nature spirits

Some practice Christianity and Islam

Have great respect for ancestors

What are the cultural features of the Bantu ethnic group?

Live in Central and Southern Africa

Were part of the largest migration in Africa's history

60 million people speak Bantu based languages

Mostly practice Islam

Some practice Christianity and animists religions

What are the cultural features of the Swahili ethnic group?

Live in East Africa

Mix of Arab & Bantu

Speak Swahili

Language used for business and communication

Mostly practice Islam

Some practice Christianity and mila

Generally, what is the relationship between literacy rate and standard of living (or GDP)?

The higher the literacy rate; the higher the standard of living (or GDP).

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The lower the literacy rate; the lower the standard of living (or GDP).