

Quizlet

McGraw Hill World History Chapter 13: Kingdoms and States of Medieval Africa

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1. **Diviner** a person who is believed to have the power to foretell events
2. **Founding** originating; beginning
3. **Griot** a special class of African storytellers who help keep alive 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 the lineage through the father
7. **Plateau** a relatively high, flat land area
8. **Savanna** broad grassland dotted with small trees and shrubs
9. **Stateless Societies** a group of independent villages organized into clans 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