



Lesson 3.2: Western Africa – World Orientation

Answers

Question 1

Which continent is depicted here?

Answer: Africa

Why do you think that?

Answer: own answers (names on the map, coast line, image, etc.)

Which names do you recognize on the map?

Options include: Gold coast, Guinea, potentially Cormantijn, Elmina. The map is also viewable in a larger format and in color on the educational website.

Question 2

Why did America want the slaves?

Answer: the enslaved Africans were cheap labor and could handle heavy work.

Question 3

Answer: c

Question 4

Answer:

Benin	Gambia	Ivory Coast	Niger
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Cameroon	Senegal
Congo	Guinea	Mali	Sierra Leone
Equatorial Guinea	Guinea-Bissau	Mauritania	Togo
Gabon			

Question 5

Answer: The coast was named after a frequently present plant called *Aframomum melegueta* ('grains of paradise', 'Guinea pepper' or 'Melegueta pepper') and was used as a spice (a kind of pepper). Before calling it the Peppercoast, the Dutch called it the *Greyncoast* (*Grijn-* or *Greynkust* in Dutch, after the Dutch word for grain, relating to the grains from the plant).

Question 6

Why do you think it was called this way?

Answer: A slave carrier, or slave ship, is the general term used in slave trade. At the time of departure the supplies needed to transport slaves were brought. In the case of The Unity, and

various other vessels involved in the triangle trade, the ships were converted for the Middle Passage to accommodate the transport of slaves.

Question 7

What was done with the goods?

Answer: the trade goods were sold/traded for people, ivory and gold but also for the necessary provisions available along the African coast, such as rice and water.

Question 8

Circle the correct answer:

Answer: b, c, d (although a is also possible).