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**African Geography & History Study Guide**

**Ethnic Groups:**

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| **Group** | **Religion** | **Location** | **Language** |
| Arab | Islam | North Africa & Middle East | Arabic |
| Ashanti | Traditional beliefs and Christianity | Ghana | Twi |
| Bantu | very diverse – Islam, Christianity, and traditional beliefs | Sub-Saharan Africa | Hundreds of Bantu languages |
| Swahili | Islam with some traditional beliefs | Eastern coast (Mozambique, Kenya, Tanzania) | Kiswahili |

-Which ethnic group is a blend of Arab and Bantu culture?

**Swahili**

-What caused the culture (religion & language) to be so diverse among the Bantu people?

**They encountered other cultures as the migrated throughout Sub-Saharan Africa.**

**History:**

-How were the people of Africa affected by European colonization?

**Europeans created artificial borders that ignored ethnic divisions, which created artificial political boundaries, which led to tension, conflict, and civil wars.**

-What is nationalism, and how did it affect independence movements in Africa?

**Nationalism—when a group of people want to govern themselves; it inspired people to fight for independence – Countries did end up getting their independence.**

-What is the Pan-African Movement?

**A movement designed to create unity among all Africans; one goal was to gain independence for all African countries.**

-How did Kenya gain independence?

**The Mau Mau led a violent uprising, which eventually made the British give them more political freedom.**

-How did Nigeria gain independence?

**They gained it peacefully through political means rather than violence.**

What are the differences between an ethnic group and a religious group?

**An ethnic group is based on ancestry, and people in the same group typically share a common language, religion, race, traditions, holidays, and culture. A religious group is based only on a group of people who share the same beliefs.**