



WHY THERE?

Instructions: Use the organizer below to examine key aspects of geography in West Africa and answer the questions: Why there? What makes this aspect of geography important for people and the history of the kingdoms?

Geography feature	What is it? List all the key aspects of this feature.	What makes this aspect of geography important for people and the history of the kingdoms?
Sahara		
Sahel		
Savanna		



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Niger River		
Niger River Headwaters		
Niger River Bend		
Senegal River		
Oasis		



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Instructions: Using your research in the organizer, write two paragraphs answering the key question: Why did the kingdoms thrive *there*?

A large, empty rectangular box with rounded corners and a thin orange border, intended for students to write their two paragraphs.