

Questions and Map Activity

Background Questions (Short Answer Questions):

Look up answers to the following questions and write them on a separate piece of paper.

1. What is the Maghreb? (Also spelled ‘Maghrib.’)
2. What language(s) are most commonly spoken in Morocco as home languages? What are the most commonly used foreign languages spoken in Morocco?
3. What is the main religion of Morocco?
4. What is the connection between Morocco and Spain from 711-1492 CE?
5. What are the four imperial cities (historical capital cities) of Morocco?
6. Which three European countries controlled parts of Morocco in early modern or modern times?
7. Describe Morocco’s relations with the U.S. (from U.S. independence to today),

Map Questions (using the accompanying maps)

-- On the map of the Mediterranean world:

- Label the following countries (today’s borders): Morocco, Spain, Portugal, France, Syria/Lebanon, Saudi Arabia.
- Label the following bodies of water: Atlantic Ocean, Mediterranean Sea.
- Of the countries in white, shade in those that are part of Europe with one color, those that are part of Asia with another, and those that are part of Africa with a third color. (Make a key to indicate which color you used for which continent.)

-- On the map of Africa:

- Label Morocco. (Also, label the two large bodies of water that form Morocco’s borders.)
- Draw in/shade the Sahara Desert. (And note that “Sub-Saharan Africa” refers to Africa below that point.)
- Look at the Asian (eastern) side of the map – with the countries that are shaded in. Locate Saudi Arabia (Muslim pilgrimage site). Draw a dotted line showing how Muslim pilgrimages have (for more than a thousand years) traveled from Morocco to the holy cities of Mecca (Makkah) and Medina (Madinah) and back again.
- Also on the shaded area, locate the three centers of Islamic learning during medieval times: Syria, Iraq, and Iran.