Lesson One: History of the Trans-Saharan Trade Routes

Objectives:
To gain background knowledge of the Saharan trade routes
To identify the various groups involved in the trade
To understand the challenges presented by the physical environment

Materials: students should be provided with a map of Africa

Procedure:
1. Distribute the study guides
2. Instruct the students to use the following sources to assist them in completing the study guide:
   a. Useful web sites
      
      www.metmuseum.org/toah/hd/gold/hd_gold.htm
      http://library.thinkquest.org/13406/sh/
      www.history.howstuffworks.com/.../history-of-africa.htm
      www.smi.uib.no/paj/Masonen.html
      www.crbs.umd.edu/crossingborders/
   b. Useful articles:
      a. “Sahrawi Women in the Liberation Struggle for the Sahrawi People” by Anne Lippert, Signs, Spring, 1992, Pages 637-638. (See “Article on Sahwari Women”)

Note: the pages cited detail traditional lifestyles of two groups of Moroccan women.