

West African countries– Senegal

1 New words for this article - Nouveaux mots pour cet article

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| 1 | kingdom | a country controlled by a king |
| 2 | slaves | people who are not independent, and are bought and sold |
| 3 | poet | writer of poetry |
| 4 | stable | safe, unchanging |
| 5 | griot | storyteller |

2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- What is the main language spoken in Senegal as well as French?
- When is there rain in Senegal?
- What is part of the economy in Senegal?
- Where does the railway line go to?
- What are the 3 popular sports in Senegal?

3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.

- Senegal is a large country in West Africa. It has about 15 million people.
- It is the most western country in Africa or Europe, on the edge of the Atlantic Ocean.
- The name of the country has an interesting history. Some people believe it comes from words in the Wolof language.
- Some believe it comes from the name of the river 'Senega'
- It is a very old country. People lived here thousands of years ago.

4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- When did Europeans arrive?
- Who was a famous poet in Senegal?
- Is the railway working between Dakar and Bamako at the moment?
- Who are the neighbours of Senegal?

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) – Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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| A | Senegal is a very old country |
| B | Kings controlled the country |
| C | The country was part of |
| D | Europeans arrived in |
| E | from 600-700 AD, in the Takrur kingdom. |
| F | People lived here thousands of years ago. |
| G | the 15th century, from Portugal |
| H | the Jolof Empire in the 13th and 14th centuries |

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- The rain comes after October
- The first president was President Leopold Senghor
- The country was part of the Mali Empire
- Senegal became independent in 1960

7 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

Senegal is ...1... for storytelling; the people called ...2... tell stories about the people and ...3... of Senegal. The griots know a lot about history, ...4... and music.
There is a small film industry in Senegal - it was very successful in the 1970s and 1980s but it is now very small. There is a popular film ...5... in Dakar every year, called Recidak.

Answers –

2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- 1 most people speak Wolof
- 2 there is rain in the time between June and October.
- 3 Industries include fish, mining, making petrol from oil, and shipbuilding. Senegal sells cotton, peanuts, vegetable oil, beans, tomatoes to other countries.
- 4 There is a railway line from Dakar to Bamako, the capital of Mali
- 5 Football and basketball are very popular, but also wrestling is popular in Senegal.

4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

- 1 In the 15th century
- 2 President Leopold Senghor
- 3 it is not running at the moment
- 4 The neighbours are Mauritania, Mali, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau.

5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

A=F
B=E
C=H
D=G

6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 False
- 2 True
- 3 False
- 4 True

7 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 famous
- 2 griots
- 3 history
- 4 culture
- 5 festival