A. As you read about societies in West Africa, fill out this cause-and-effect chart.

**Cause**
Early contacts between West African and Portuguese traders.

**Effects on West Africa**
1. 
2. 

**Effects on the Americas**

B. Summarize some of the following important characteristics of West African societies around 1492.

1. Family and government

2. Religion

3. Work

4. Slave labor

C. On the back of this paper, identify or explain each of the following:
   savanna
   Islam
   plantation
   Songhai
   Benin
   Kongo
   lineage