

**CHAPTER**  
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**Section 1**

**GUIDED READING** *North and Central African Societies*

**A. Drawing Conclusions** As you read this section, take notes to answer questions about three types of societies that developed in the various topographical regions of Africa.

**Hunting-gathering societies formed close-knit family groups.**

<p>1. What are some characteristics of a hunting-gathering society?</p>	<p>2. Why are written laws not necessary in these societies?</p>
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**Stateless societies, which existed near the coast, were based on extended family ties.**

<p>3. What are some characteristics of a stateless society?</p>	<p>4. What are some advantages of an age-set system?</p>
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**Muslim societies developed in North Africa.**

<p>5. What are some characteristics of a Muslim theocracy?</p>	<p>6. How did Muslim law affect individual Islamic states?</p>
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**B. Determining Main Ideas** Explain how the terms **Maghrib**, **Almoravids**, and **Almohads** relate to African societies.