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**empire**

a group of kingdoms or nations taken over and ruled by one leader

**Example:** Ghana, Mali, and Songhay were West African empires.

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**vegetation region**

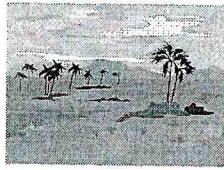


a region characterized by the kind of plants that grow there.

**Example:** Deserts, savannas, and tropical rainforests are examples of vegetation regions.

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**savanna**

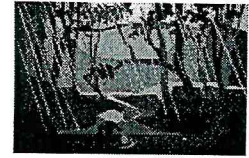


a region with tall grass and a few scattered trees.

**Example:** Savannas are like the prairies of North America.

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**tropical rainforest**



an evergreen forest in a tropical area with lots of rain and very hot weather

**Example:** There is a region of tropical rainforest south of the savanna in West Africa.

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