27 Islam

one of the major religions of the world



Example: Islam was introduced into West Africa over one thousand years ago.

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28 Muslim

someone who belongs to the religion of Islam



Example: Muslim traders were part of the West African trade networks.

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29 archaeology

a special branch of history in which people study objects from the past

Example: Archaeologists study artifacts such as bones, tools, and old building sites.

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30 artifacts



things from the past that are left for us to study

Example: Old tools, dishes, and sculptures are examples of artifacts

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31 oral history

history that is passed along by speaking and not written down

Example: Griots of West Africa were in charge of oral history.

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32 griot

an historian and storyteller responsible for keeping the oral history of an area

Example: Griots have always been an important part of West African cultures.

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