MA’AT CULTURAL CURRICULUM CONSULTANTS

CÔTE D’IVOIRE AND THE FIVE THEMES OF GEOGRAPHY

First and Last Name: _____ Date: _____

Day 1 | Location: Côte d’Ivoire in West Africa

Grades 6–12 | NJSLS Social Studies: 6.2 World History/Global Studies and 6.3 Active Citizenship | NJSLS ELA: RI, W, SL | CCSS Literacy: RH.6–8.1, RH.6–8.7, WHST.6–8.1

Essential Question: How have geography, Indigenous cultures, colonialism, and economic development shaped Côte d’Ivoire?

Côte d’Ivoire is situated in West Africa along the Gulf of Guinea, an inlet of the Atlantic Ocean. Its neighbors are Liberia and Guinea to the west, Mali and Burkina Faso to the north, and Ghana to the east. Its southern coastline provides access to maritime trade. The political capital is Yamoussoukro, while Abidjan is the country's largest city and major commercial center.

Absolute location uses latitude and longitude to identify a precise position. Côte d’Ivoire extends approximately from 4° to 11° north latitude and 3° to 9° west longitude. Relative location explains how a place connects to other places. For example, Côte d’Ivoire lies west of Ghana and south of Mali and Burkina Faso.

Do Now

How does coastal location affect trade and contact with other regions?