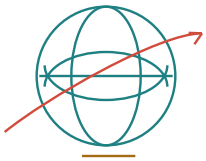
African Cities & Connections



Name _____ Date _____

1 Recall, then make a connection.

Start from memory. Write a meaning or quick example for each term.

Archaeology	Provenance	Urban center

How do archaeology and provenance help establish what an object can reveal about an urban center? Explain why an imported object alone cannot tell the complete story of a city.

Context for the task

Africa contains many regions, languages, communities, and political histories. A single story cannot represent the continent. This activity studies two places: Djenné in West Africa and Great Zimbabwe in southern Africa. Their histories show different forms of urban life, architecture, and connection with wider exchange networks.

2 Work with the numbers.

A fictional display budget

The museum has 30 label spaces. It assigns 12 to Djenné and 12 to Great Zimbabwe. Each remaining space will explain a limitation or a source question.

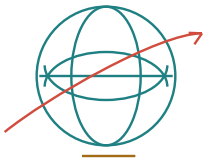
How many spaces remain for source questions?

Show your calculation. Label the quantities you use.

Answer: _____ spaces

What can this result show? What would need more evidence?

Evidence, application & transfer.



3 Read the evidence closely.

Support an urban history

Claim: "These sites preserve evidence of organized urban communities."

Select all evidence directly relevant to that claim.

A. Multiple dwellings and planned architectural spaces at a settlement.

B. Evidence of craft production and exchange associated with the site.

C. A modern tourist's claim that all African cities are alike.

D. A map showing the location of a distant ocean.

Selections: _____ Explain your reasoning:

4 Apply the idea.

The final heading

Your display needs a heading that recognizes achievement without flattening diversity.

Choose the strongest heading.

A. Djenné and Great Zimbabwe: distinct communities, urban achievements, and wider connections.

B. Africa had one urban culture that never changed.

C. Imported objects explain all African achievements.

My choice: _____ Explain why it fits:

5 Carry the idea forward.

Write an exhibit label comparing the two cities. Explain one achievement at each, one connection to trade, and why an imported object cannot by itself establish who built a city.