**Chapter 17: Africa**

**Section 2 Vocabulary**

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| **New Word**  | **Definition** |
| hominid  | a human primate; an early human |
| bipedal | walking on two feet |
| Stone Age | the earliest period of human culture, in which people used stone tools |
| animism | the belief that spirits exist in animals, plants, natural forces, and ancestors |
| griot | a West African storyteller |
| stateless societies  | groups that have no single authority, but make decisions based on compromise |
| lineage | descent from an ancestor |
| fossil | the remains of early life preserved in the ground |
| culture | the shared attitudes, knowledge, and behaviors of a group |

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| ancestor | an early relative |
| domesticate | to adapt or train plants or animals for human use |
| patrillineal | descent from father to father |