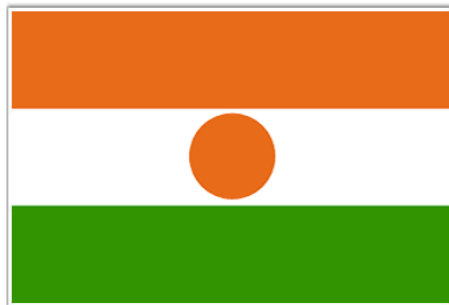


Niger

Unit Study

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To use:

Read through the Niger fun facts sheet, then complete the following worksheets as desired using the facts learned.

If you have used my Expedition Earth study, you may wish to include this unit in your Lapbook or notebook for that curriculum.

Africa



Niger - Africa

Monday:

- Optional: If you are using the [Expedition Earth](#) world geography curriculum, add flag sticker from front cover of this unit and entry date on your passport.
- Locate Niger on a World Map
- Complete Mapping Activity using the below information (Page 4)
 - Capital: Niamey
 - Population: 774,000
 - Religion: Islam
 - Language: French
 - Currency: African CFA franc
- Pray for people, Christians, and missionaries in Niger
- Say "Hello" in French: Bon jour
- Say "Thank You" in French: merci

Tuesday:

- Locate country on Map (review)
- Read and discuss country Fun Facts (Page 5)
- Learn about some common foods of Niger: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuisine_of_Niger
- Pray for lost people, Christians, missionaries, and the needs of the people in Niger

Wednesday:

- Review country Location on World Map
- Pray for country, and it's needs.
- Learn Flag and color page for Notebook (Page 6)
- Fill in mini-book about Niger (Page 7)

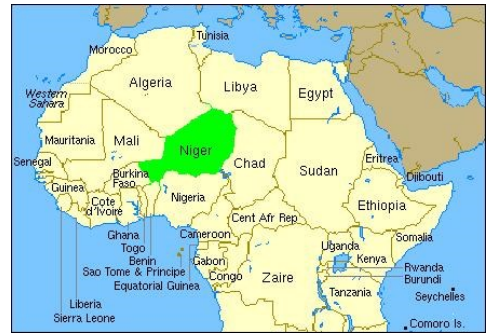
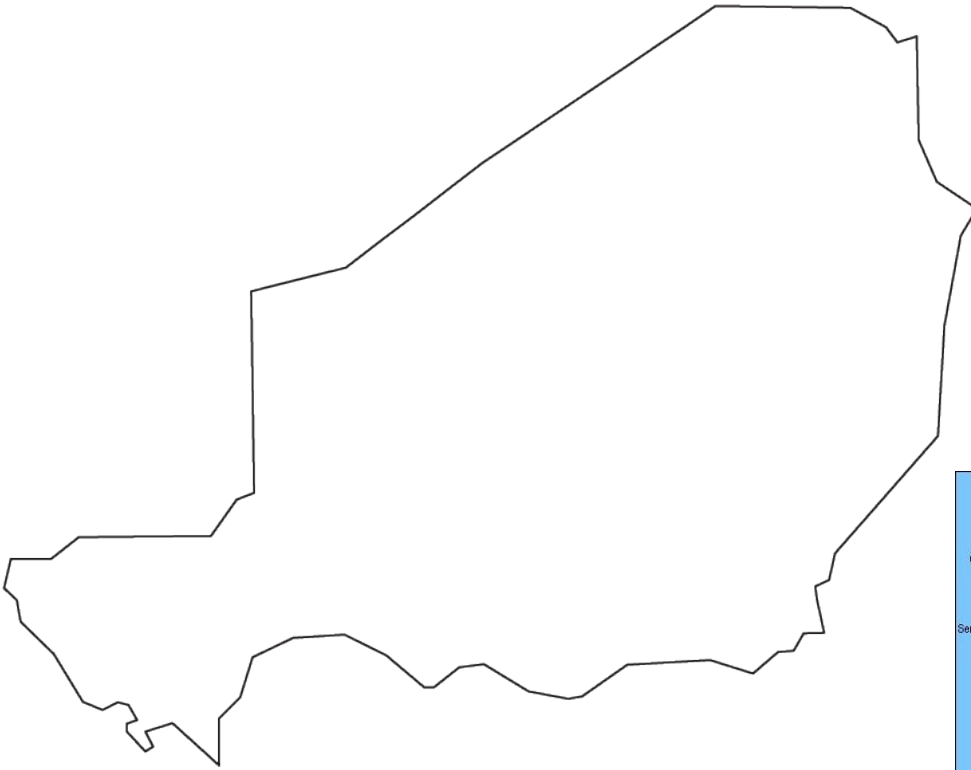
Thursday:

- Review country Location on World Map
- Pray for lost people, Christians, missionaries, and the needs of the people in Niger
- Create a Postcard for this country (Page 8)
- Pick one of Niger's animals and learn more about it via an internet search or by visiting your local library. Complete the Animal Report (Page 9)

Friday:

- Pray for lost people, Christians, missionaries, and the needs of the people in Niger
- Review country facts, and location of country on Map
- Complete Niger Quiz (Page 10)
- Optional: Stamp Passport with Exit date
- Create a Niger feast serving some of the foods you learned about on Day 2!
- Pray about how you might help the people of Niger financially and/or prayerfully. Visit [Samaritan's Purse](#) for more information on how you can help.

Niger



What Continent is it on? _____

Capital City (*Label with star*) _____

Population: _____

Language: _____

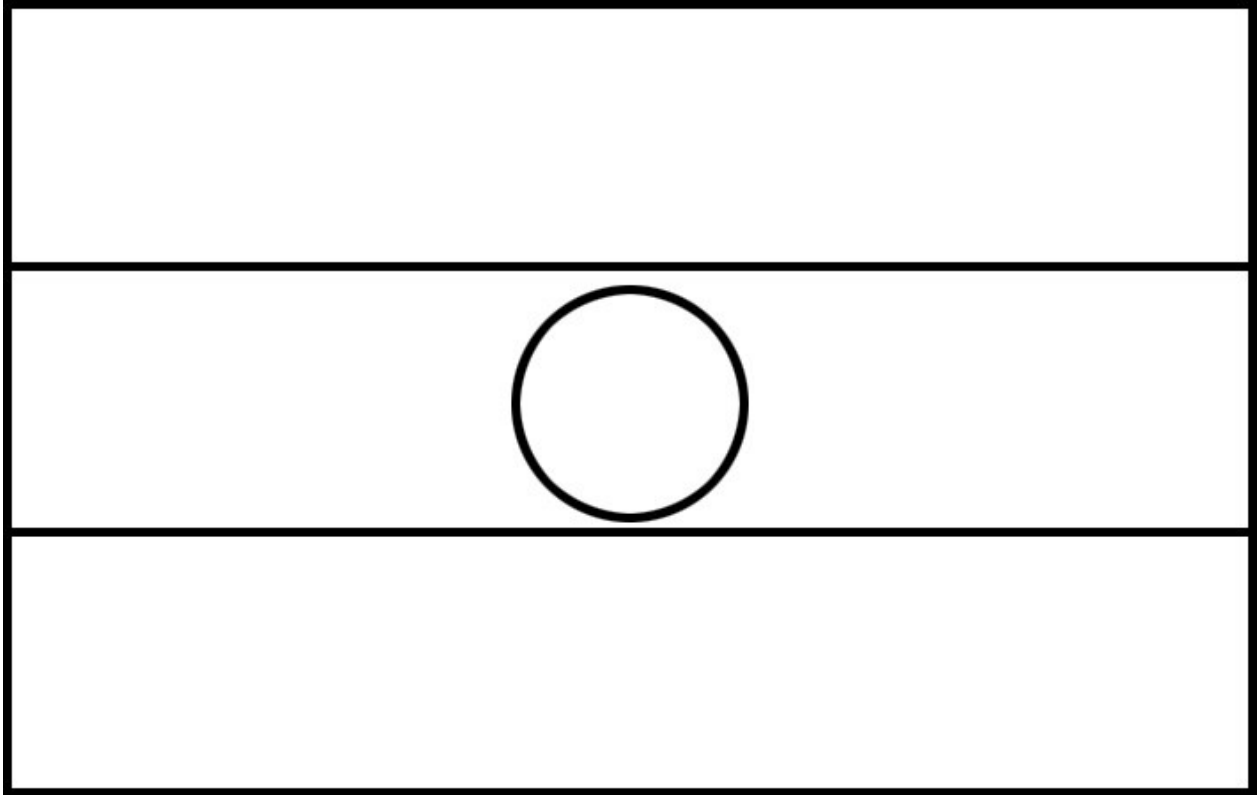
Religion: _____

Label the Niger River using a blue pen, marker, or crayon.

Niger Fun Facts:

- Naimey, the capital city of Niger, is home to approximately 775,000 people. Niger is one of the hottest countries in the world, with four-fifths of its area being desert region, and one-fifth savanna. Niger is located in the northwestern section of Africa and its main exports are uranium ore, live-stock, cowpeas, and onions.
- Forty Three percent of Niger's population lives on less than \$1.25 per day and forty-two percent of children suffer from chronic malnutrition. The population is 98% Muslim and only 0.5% Christian; however, there is freedom and opportunity to share the Gospel. Pray for these needs daily during this unit.
- Niger is a landlocked country and borders seven countries. The longest border is Nigeria, followed by Chad, Algeria, Mali, Burkina Faso, Benin, and Libya.
- The currency of Niger is the African CFA franc. CFA stands for Communauté Financière d'Afrique.
- The official language of Niger is French, however Hausa, Djema, Fulfulde, Kanuri, Tamachek, Toubou, and Arabic are also spoken in the country.
- The Niger River runs along the lowest portion of Niger and extends about 4,180 km (26,000 mi.). It is the third longest river in Africa exceeded only by the Nile and Congo River.
- Islam is the dominant religion of Niger, it is practiced by more than 90% of the region.
- The Sahara Desert is the largest desert in the world and covers 80% of Niger's land. It is also one of the hottest with temperatures reaching as high as 135.8 degrees Fahrenheit. The desert spans more than 9,000,000 square km making it as big as the United States. It is located in Northern Africa spreading across 12 African nations including Niger. The Tree of Ténéré, also known as the "Lonely Tree", was one of the most remote trees in the world, and stood at 10 feet tall. It was an acacia tree that has stood alone in the hostile environment of the Sahara Desert for nearly 300 years. Unfortunately the tree was cut in half by an out of control vehicle in 1973. The dead tree was taken to the Niger National Museum in the capital city of Naimey and a tree-shaped monument was built in its original location to commemorate its existence.
- Niger is famous for the Kaouar Cliffs which run along the heart of the Ténéré desert. The cliffs rise more than 300 feet high and provide easy access to ground water. The cliffs provide the Niger people with dates and salt. They're most well known for their sheer verticality in an otherwise flat region of the desert.
- The Dama Gazelle of Niger has become one of its national symbols. Other wildlife such as scorpions, sand vipers, ostriches, and cheetahs, hippopotamuses, leopards, waterbucks, wart hogs, crocodiles, lizards, African elephants, and giraffes can be found living in this harsh region. It also houses approximately 2100 plant species and over 2000 insects.

Flag of Niger



What does it mean?

The flag of Niger was adopted in 1959. It uses the national colors of orange, white, and green in equal bands. With an orange rondel (a circular metal piece used for protection typically in the breast plate of armor) in the center.


The orange band along the top is said to represent the Sahara Desert, the white in the center represents purity, and the lower green band stands for both hope and fertile regions of southern Niger.

List 1 Fun Fact:

Capital City:

Language:

Currency:

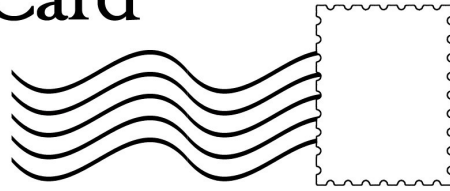


Niger

Cut out the lapbook as one piece and accordion fold.

Glue the country mini-book into your World lapbook.

Post Card



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Animal Report by:

Favorite Animal of Niger: _____

Features: _____

What kind of **home or habitate** does this animal live in?

What does it **eat**? _____

When is this animal **awake**? Day Night

Classification: Mammal Fish Bird Reptile Amphibian Arthropod

What is **special or unique** about this animal? _____

Draw a **picture** of the animal:

Country Report by:

Country: _____

Continent: _____

Capital: _____

Language: _____

What kind of **homes** do the people live in? _____

What kind of **animals** live there? _____

What **foods** do the people eat? _____

Holidays/Traditions: _____

Major Rivers and lakes: _____

Geographical Features: (circle all that apply)

Mountains Plains Lakes/Rivers Forest Grasslands Oceans Reefs

Climate: Hot Cold Dry Moderate Tropical Tundra

What is your **favorite** thing about this country and why? _____

Draw a **picture** of your favorite thing about this country: