

## West African Cities – Mali

### 1 New words for this article - Nouveaux mots pour cet article

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|---|----------|--|
| 1 | cotton   | the material you use to make clothes               |
| 2 | salt     | something you put in your food, with pepper        |
| 3 | palace   | the beautiful house of the president or king/queen |
| 4 | musician | person who plays music                             |

### 2 Comprehension questions

Questions de compréhension en lecture

- How many people live in Bamako?
- Which river is Bamako on?
- When did people start to live in Timbuktu?
- How many people live in Timbuktu now?
- What was the Sankore Madrasah?

### 3 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Pratiquez vos compétences orales - répétez ces phrases.

- Bamako is the capital of Mali. It is a big city of more than 2 million people.
- It is getting bigger every year – it is a very successful city.
- The city is on the river, the Niger River, and ships come to bring many products for business.
- The government and parliament of Mali are in Bamako.
- Bamako is an old city. People have lived here for hundreds of years. Bamako was the capital of the Mali Empire.

### 4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

Exercez-vous à parler - répondez à ces questions en anglais:

- Which musician comes from Timbuktu?
- What did people in Bamako sell to other countries?
- Where was the capital of the Mali Empire?
- Which is the sister city of Sao Paulo in Brazil?

### 5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) – Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).

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|---|--|
| A | People started to live in Timbuktu       |
| B | Timbuktu was a rich city                 |
| C | The Sankore Madrasah was a centre        |
| D | People came to Timbuktu                  |
| E | It was a city of learning                |
| F | of books and learning for all of Africa. |
| G | from many places in Africa.              |
| H | about 1200 AD – hundreds of years ago.   |

### 6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- Ali Farka Toure was born near Timbuktu
- Timbuktu is a rich city now
- There is not enough water, and there is too much sand
- It is a big city

### 7 Fill in the gap - Remplir le vide

Bamako is a ...1.. for learning. There were ...2.. in Bamako a long time ago.  
There were ...3.. to north Africa and Europe. There was a lot of ...4.. - people sold gold and cotton and salt to other countries.  
The weather is very hot in Bamako. It is ...5... more than 30 degrees.

## Answers –

### 2 Comprehension questions

*Questions de compréhension en lecture*

- 1 more than 2 million people
- 2 the Niger River
- 3 about 1200 AD
- 4 only about 33,000 people live in Timbuktu now
- 5 It was a centre of books and learning for all of Africa.

### 4 Speaking activities - Activités orales

- 1 Ali Farka Toure
- 2 people sold gold and cotton and salt to other countries.
- 3 Bamako was the capital of the Mali Empire
- 4 Bamako is the sister city of Sao Paulo in Brazil

### 5 Match the sentences (A-D) and (E-H) –

*Faire correspondre les phrases (A-D) et (E-H).*

- A=H
- B=E
- C=F
- D=G

### 6 True or False? - Vrai ou Faux?

- 1 True
- 2 False
- 3 True
- 4 False

### 7 Fill in the gap – Remplir le vide

- 1 centre
- 2 universities
- 3 roads
- 4 business
- 5 usually