GI- Bantu Migrations

- Africa: 500 BCE to 1500 CE
- African people were nomadic and moved place to place in search of food and shelter
- Larger populations caused people to move frequently
- Spread their culture, ideas & traditions throughout all of Southern Africa (cultural diffusion)

Sample Questions

- 1. The primary reason the Bantu-speaking people of West Africa migrated southward and eastward between 500 B.C. and A.D. 1500 was to
- (1) flee warfare
- (2) seek religious freedom
- (3) establish a colonial empire
- (4) find land for farming and grazing
- 2. A similarity between Bantu migrations in Africa and migrations of the ancient Aryans into South Asia is that both moved
- (1) across the Atlantic Ocean
- (2) from rural lands to urban areas
- (3) in search of additional food sources
- (4) for religious freedom