

Good Golly
It's Malinky



**A Fun Facts Book for
Students**

Mali Home Life

Mali is a country in Africa. Welcome to Mali.



The children help with the animals.



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These are the people from the country of Mali



People like to live in Mali and Africa.

Mali Homes



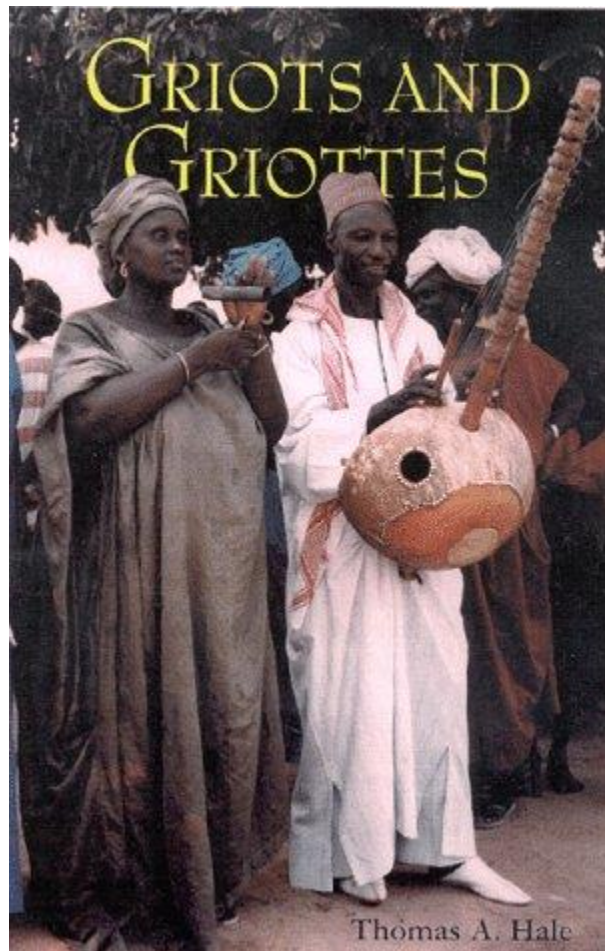
Mali homes are made out of dirt, wood, and straw.



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What is a Griot? (pronounced GREE-oh)

Griots are historians, praise-singers and musical entertainers. This is a very important tradition in Mali.



Mali Fast Facts



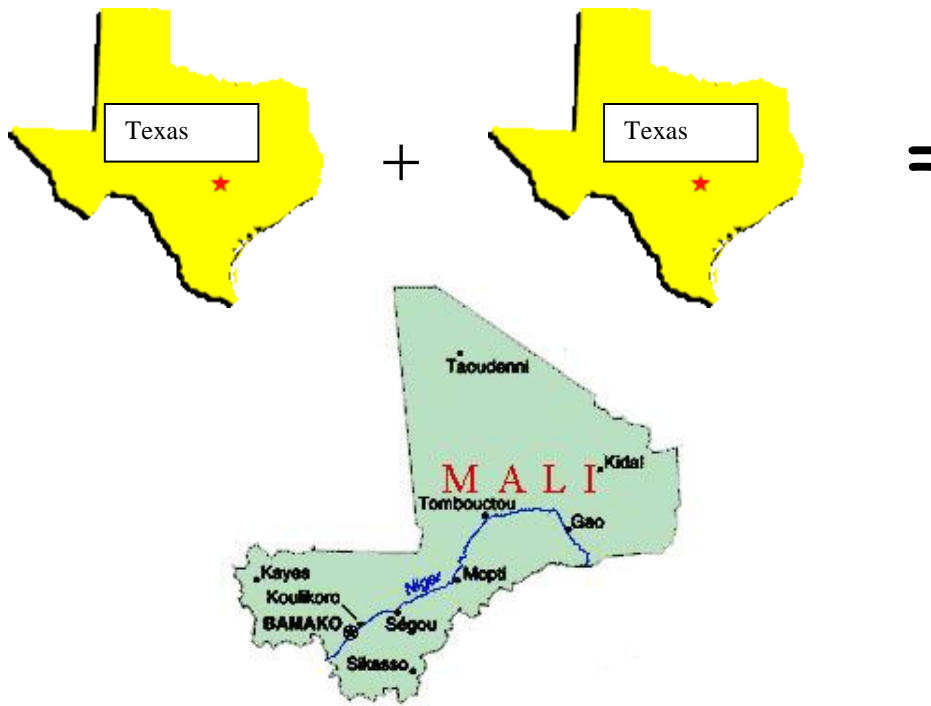
Mali is the largest country in West Africa.

The great river Niger is very important to the country of Mali.

Mali is made up of different peoples.

These include the Bambaram, the Songhai, the Mandinka, the Senoufo, the Fula, and the Dogon.

The Bambaram is the largest group.



Mali is a bit smaller than two states of Texas.

Mali is a landlocked country in Western Africa, which means not one of its borders touches any body of water!

Mali is shaped like a butterfly.

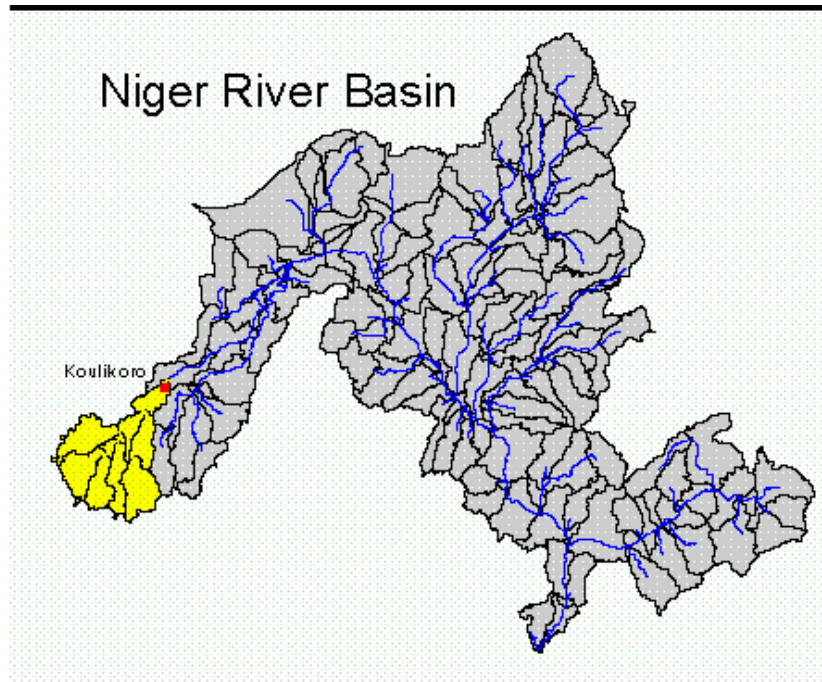


French is the official language of Mali.



Mali's neighbors are Algeria, Burkina, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Mauritania, Niger, and Senegal.

The importance of the Niger River to the people of Mali cannot be measured.



But watch out for Hippos!



Trade was a very important part of life in medieval Mali. Some of the top trading items were gold, salt, iron, kola nuts, slaves, and ivory.



Salt was so important to the people that they actually used it as money sometimes.



Mali's people are mostly Muslim.



Animals found in Mali are antelopes, giraffes, cheetahs, leopards, lions, baboons, and hippopotamuses, which can be seen along the River Niger.



Now, you know some neat stuff about Mali. If you want to learn more, you can go to the Internet or visit your local library.