

WEST AFRICA

MALI

ENVIRONMENT

- Sahara covers $\frac{1}{3}$
- Herd animals in the Sahel and raise food crops
- earn money with cash crops
- Rainy Season
May - October
ideal time to farm
- Sahel location
a crossroads of Sahara and Savannah
- trade route
- many people are nomads (Tuareg)

SPREADING DESERT

- desertification
the change of fertile land into land that is too dry or damaged to support life
- desert is spreading south
- Causes:
 - 1 overgrazing
 - 2 drought
- Is threatening Tuareg way of life (Nomads)

GEOGRAPHY

- Sahara, Sahel, Savannah
- Niger River

TODAY

- little industry - make money through trading, farming, herding
- 1970's and 80's severe droughts
- Govt trying to help desertification
- UN and others helping