Cultural Legacy of West Africa

For centuries the beliefs, values, and knowledge of West Africans were passed down _____ from one generation to the next.

_____ were record keepers of the people. They were musicians that would tell stories and sings songs to tell historical accounts and genealogies.

_____ are traditional stories that often had a moral.

_____ are popular sayings that would express ideas or wisdom.

After Islam spread to West Africa, _____ became more important as Muslims published many things in Arabic.

_____ served many functions in West African society including communicating ideas, values, and feelings or celebrating historical events and important occasions.

_____ is a common style of music where a leader plays or sings a short musical phrase, and then a group of people, the chorus, answer by playing or singing a short musical phrase.

Musical instruments used in West Africa are most commonly _____ or _____.

_____ was also very important with particular dances for many different kind of occasions. Some dances were used to mark important events or _____ with dead ancestors. Some dancers wore _____ to represent spirits.

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