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| Arab | Northern Africa | Migrated from Southwest Asia; trading gold and salt in camel caravans | Mostly Muslim | Arabic |
| Ashanti | Ghana & Ivory Coast (West Africa) | Kingdom began in 1701 when Golden Stool united clans | Traditional African religions – belief in supreme god, natural spirits (animism), and Golden Stool as the source of the peoples’ power-Some Christianity & Muslim | Asante (Twi) |
| Bantu | Central & Southern Africa | Migrated from south of Sahara 2,000 years ago | Some Muslim, some Christian, some animist | Bantu family of languages (over 650) |
| Swahili | Eastern Africa (Kenya, Tanzania, Mozambique) | Arab traders from Southwest Asia blended with local African people | Muslim, plus some local traditional African beliefs | Swahili – blend of Arabic and Bantu |