

What influenced the development of West Africa in the late 18th Century?





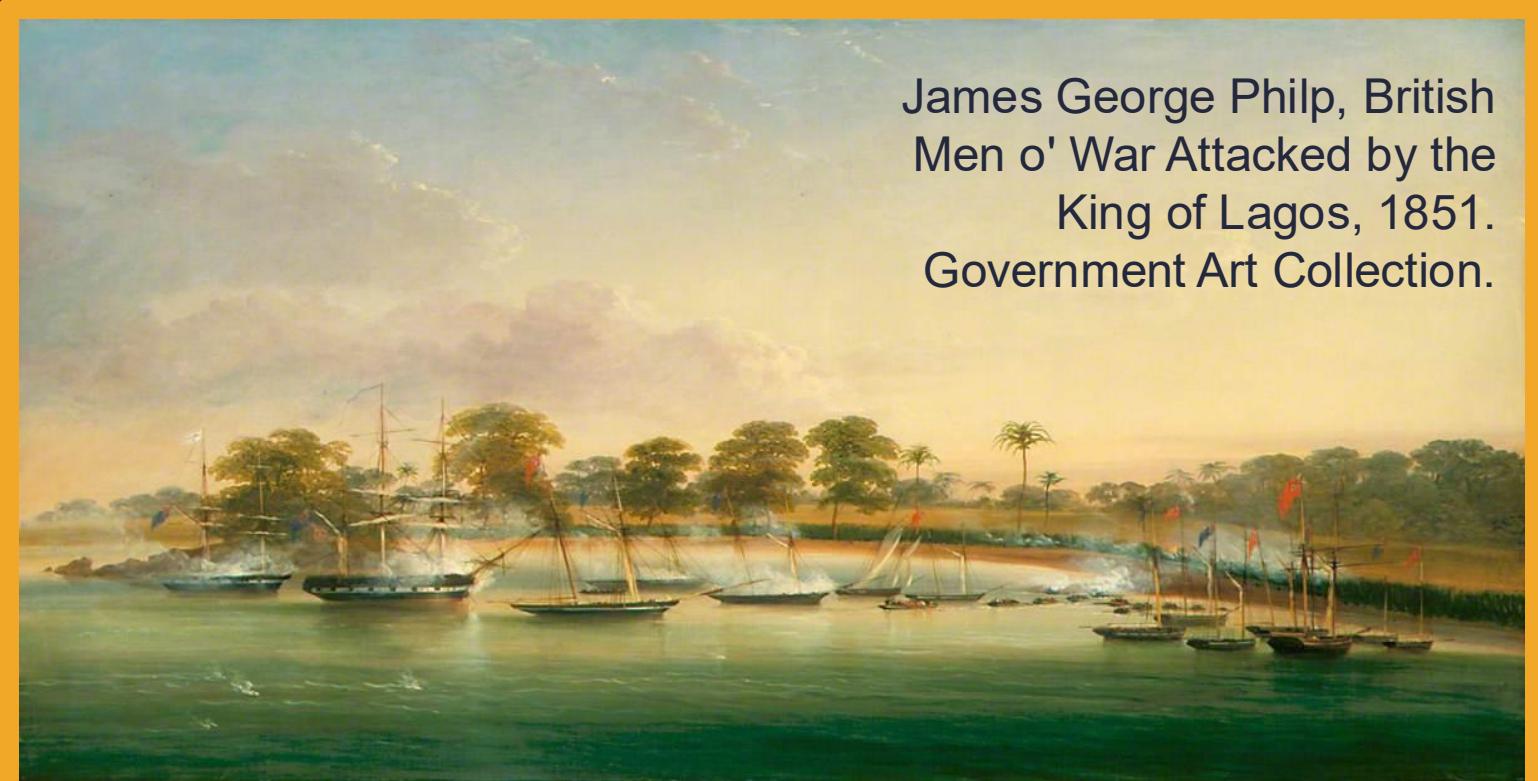
Starter Task

Describe different ways in which Igbo communities resisted the trade in enslaved African people.

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Why did Lagos become such an important port for the trade in enslaved African people?

Lesson 4





Learning Intentions

We will learn...

About the **different reasons** why Lagos became one of the most important Slave Trade ports in West Africa.

How each of these factors impacted Lagos' importance in West Africa.



Success Criteria

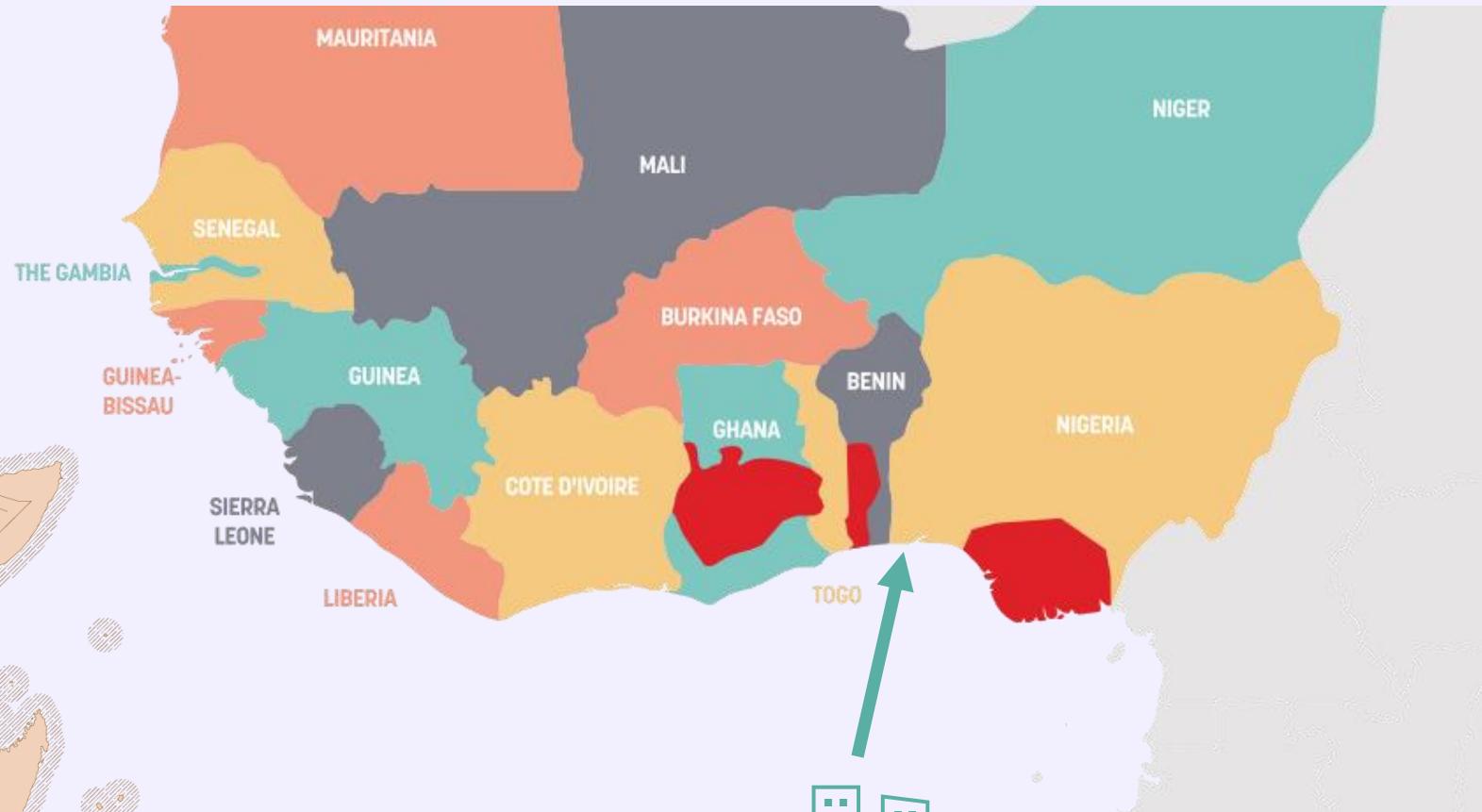
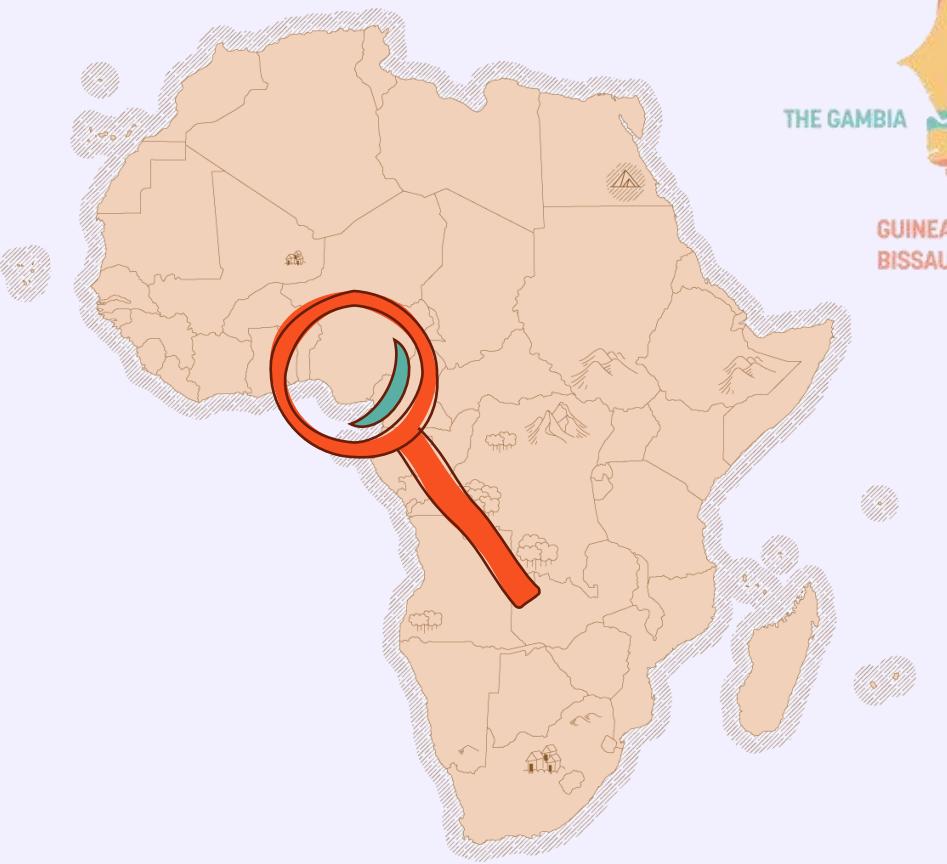
We will be successful if we can...

Gather, organise and summarise information from secondary sources.

Describe 2 factors that affected the development of Lagos as a slaving port.

Explain the reasons why these factors impacted Lagos' importance as a port.

Lagos: A Bit of Context





Introduction

From the River Volta to the Niger Delta there is a coastal lagoon system which linked to interior through rivers. It also served the coastal trading system.

Lagos occupies a central position within the lagoon system between the kingdoms of Allada, and later Dahomey, to the west and the Yoruba kingdom of Ijebu and Kingdom of Benin to the east.



Early History of Lagos

Original inhabitants of Lagos were the **Awori Yoruba** who moved there down the River Ogun Iseri.

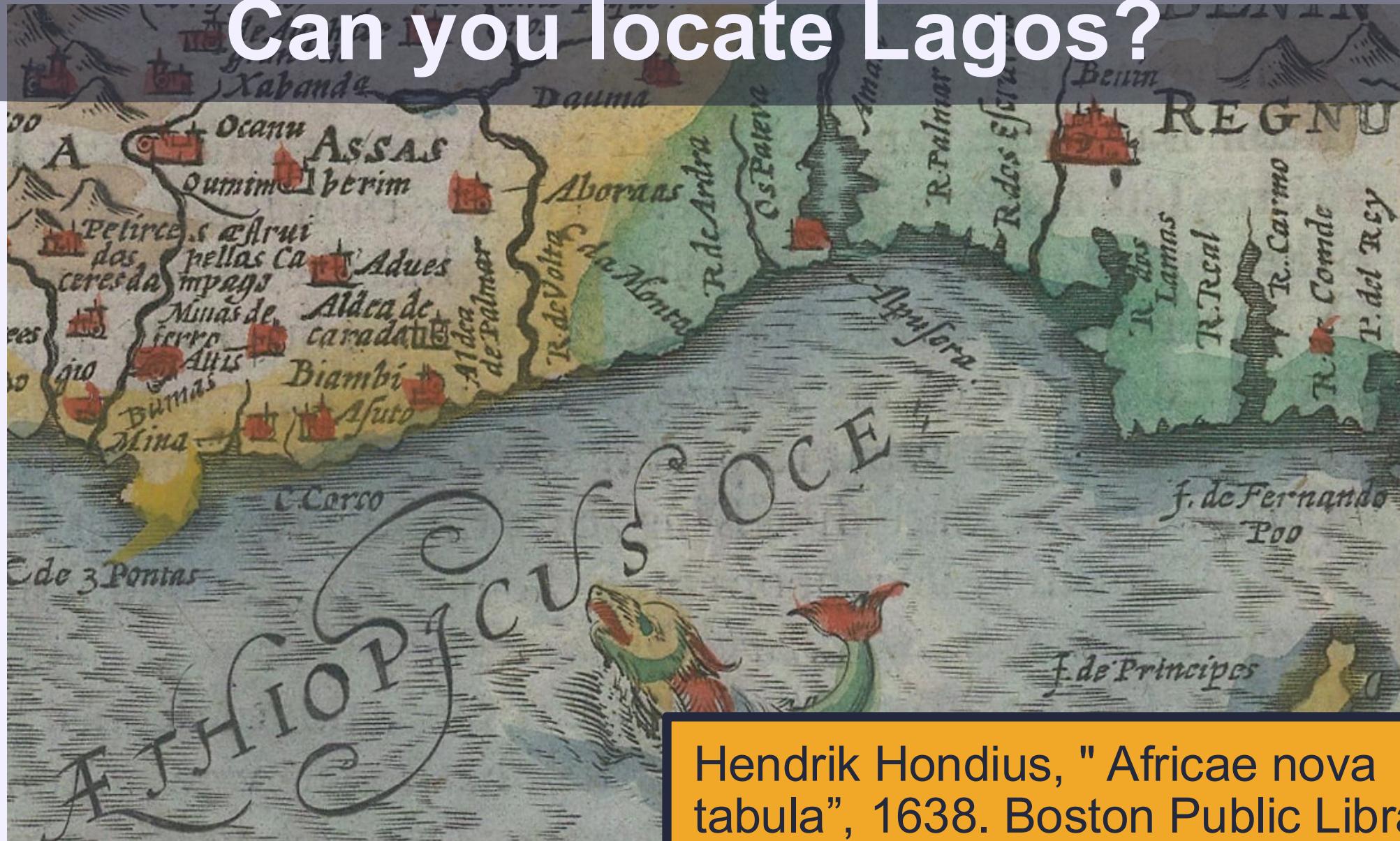
By mid-16th century **Benin** had sent war canoes to establish a military fort in Lagos.

In the late seventeenth century, the present dynasty of **Obas** (Kings) of Lagos was founded.

Still little-known by Europeans.



Can you locate Lagos?



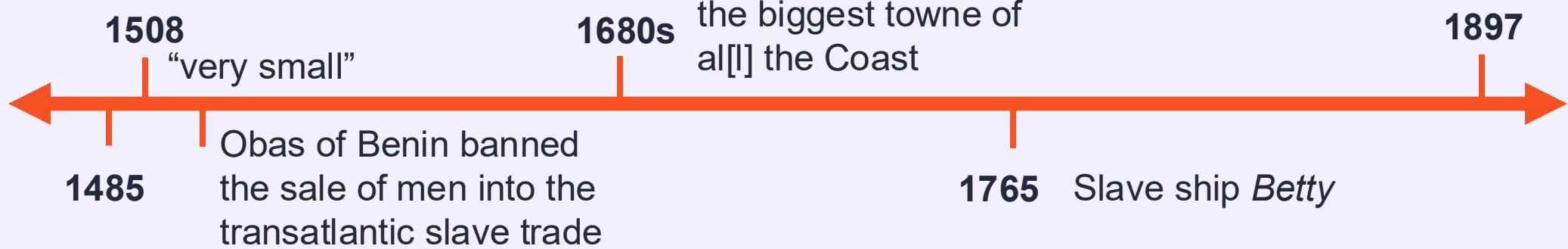
Hendrik Hondius, "Africæ nova tabula", 1638. Boston Public Library



Task

Timeline of Lagos

Read the information on your timeline sheet and highlight any key moments you think that helped Lagos to become a powerful port.





Task

Using Slave Voyages

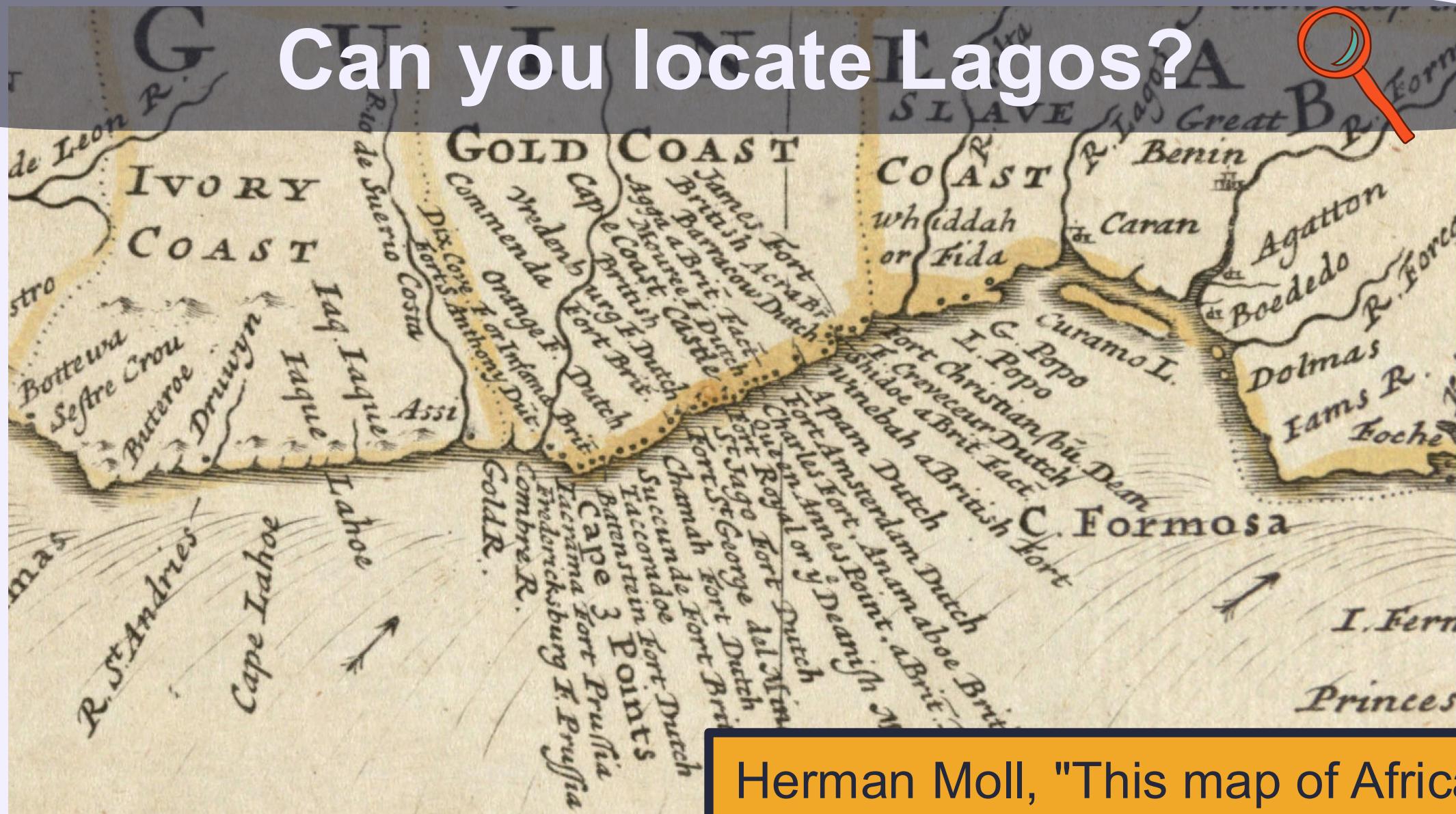
Use the Scan Code to visit the [Slave Voyages website](#) and search:

Voyage ID: 91049 on the Database.

Extension: Why do you think it took until the late eighteenth century for Lagos to rise to its prominent position? What impacts do you think the slave trade had in the area?



Can you locate Lagos?



Herman Moll, "This map of Africa",
1732. Boston Public Library



Task

What was the relationship between the trade in enslaved Africans and the growth of Lagos?

Read the extract by historian Kristin Mann.

“To answer this question it is necessary to know how the slave trade was conducted, who profited from it, and what those who benefited did with their new income.”

It covers a variety of reasons why Lagos became an important port during the 19th century.



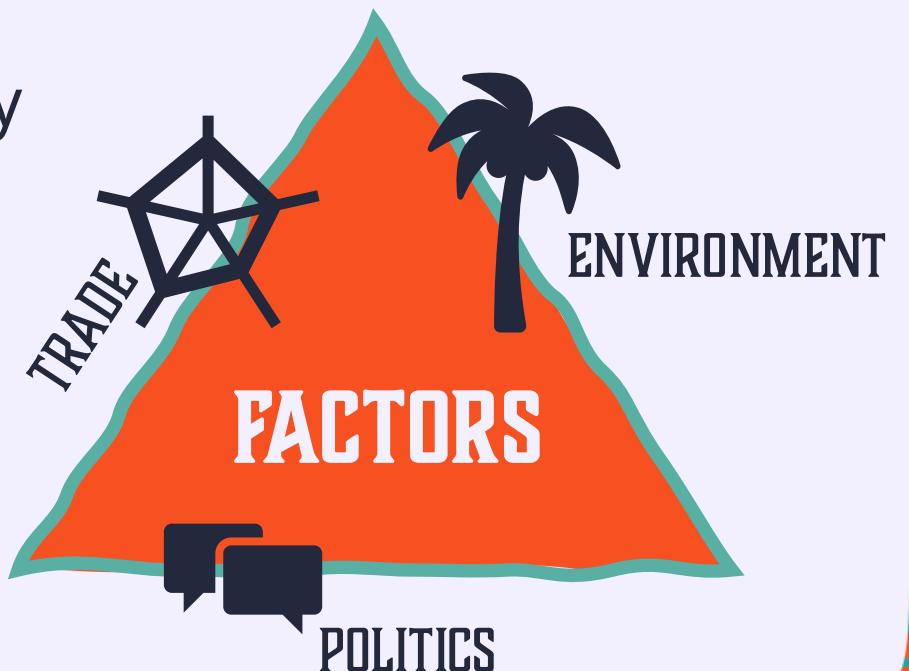


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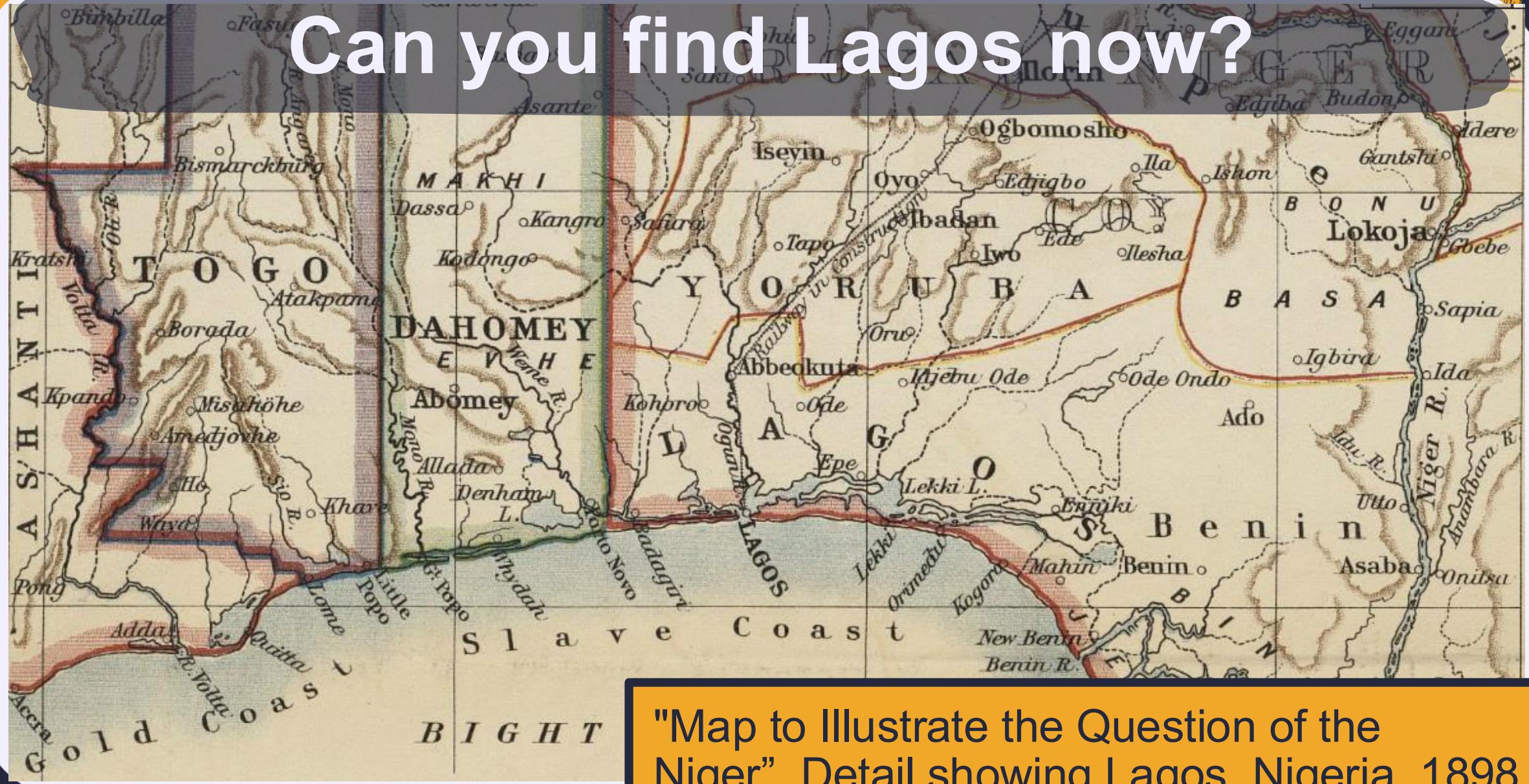
Using different colours, **highlight** what you consider important information that could have affected Lagos' growing power.

Summarise your highlighted information by organising (writing) it **in one of these 3 categories:**

- Trade
- Environment
- Political Situation



Can you find Lagos now?



"Map to Illustrate the Question of the Niger", Detail showing Lagos, Nigeria, 1898

Plenary

Answer the following question in as much detail as you want. You need to describe **at least 2 reasons why** Lagos became such an important port.

How did Lagos become such an important Port for the Slave Trade?

Extension: In your own words, why were these factors important in making Lagos such a powerful port?

