



Source: Malachy Postlethwayt, *A new and correct map of the coast of Africa*, 1746. New York Public Library.



This map shows the placement of different European trading forts along the Gold Coast. Different flags depict the different European powers.

It was created by Malachy Postlethwayt, a British economist and employee of the Royal African Company.

Questions

1. Looking at this map, how would the position of these forts impact local politics?
2. How would the position of these forts impact the local economy? Consider the impact on jobs and trade.
3. How would the position of these forts impact the people of the local area?