

PREVIEW 21

Carefully examine the image your teacher is projecting. The woman on the cover of this brochure lives in Benin. Benin is a developing country in the western part of Africa. This woman is a *micro-entrepreneur*. That means she has started her own very small business.

Talk about each question with a partner. Then write down your ideas.

- What interesting details do you notice?

- What kind of information or pictures do you think you might see in this pamphlet?

- Women in developing countries in Africa face many challenges. What might some of them be?

- What small business—or *micro-enterprise*—might this woman have created?

- This woman's micro-enterprise affects the lives of her and her family. What might some of those effects be?

- This woman's micro-enterprise also affects individuals and families in her community. What might some of those effects be?

GEOTERMS 21

Read Sections 21.1 and 21.2. Then create an illustrated dictionary of the Geoterms by completing these tasks:

- Create a symbol or an illustration to represent each term.
- Write a definition of each term in your own words.
- Write a sentence that includes the term and the word *Africa* or *women*.

Geoterm and Symbol	Definition	Sentence
gender-based division of labor		
informal economy		
micro-enterprise		
micro-entrepreneur		

READING NOTES 21

Read Section 21.2, and answer the questions for that section. Then, for Sections 21.3, 21.4, and 21.5, read only the section your teacher assigns to you and your partner, and complete that section of Reading Notes.

21.2 The Geographic Setting

What challenges do people in developing countries in Africa face?



What additional challenges do poor African women face as they try to get out of poverty?

21.3 Grinding Peanuts in Rural Mali

The African woman shown here is one of many who created a micro-enterprise. Describe their micro-enterprise, how they created it, and how it works.



How have these micro-entrepreneurs changed people's lives and these women's community?

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21.4 Selling in Uganda's "Poor Man's Market"

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How has this micro-entrepreneur changed people's lives and this woman's community?

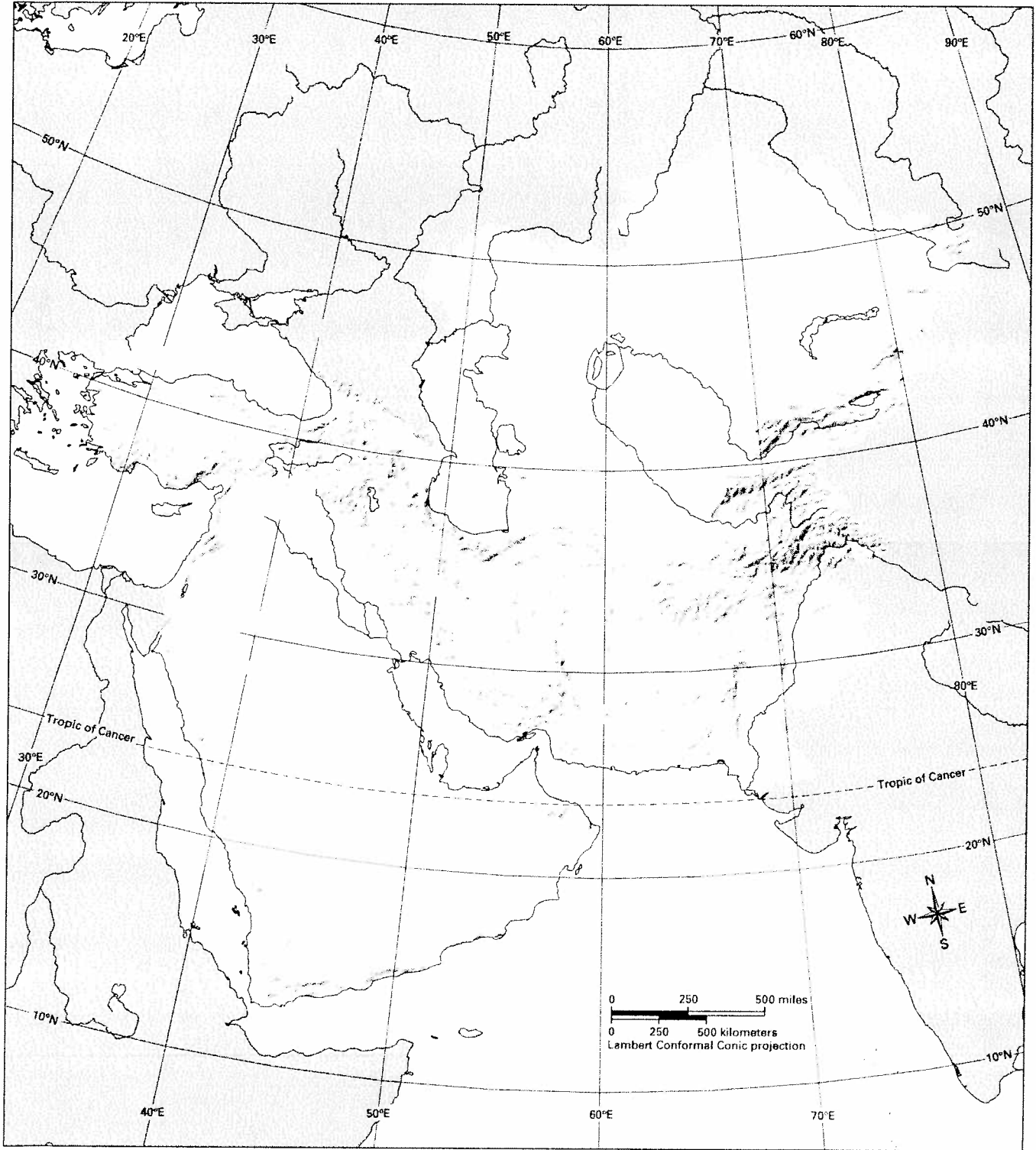


21.5 Cooking Up Comfort Food in Botswana

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Physical Features of Southwest and Central Asia