Early Encounters

- Post 1750s: Relationship of Britain and Africa was not always in favour of Britain (in regards to slavery and exploiting people and natural resources)
- Algeria is only 1000 miles from London
- The Punic Wars was between Europe and Africa
- ‘Province of Africa’ is the story of Africa and the Romans, also links to the story of Cleopatra at this time

Spread of Religion

- Christianity slows spreads through Turkey, Roman, France and North Africa
- 400 C.E Christianity is well established
- North West Africa turns to Islam in the fifth century
- 100 years in which Islam spreads to North Africa, Spain, Portugal, East Coast Africa and Indonesia
- Islamic ‘golden age’ is at the same time as western ‘dark ages’
- 1095 a series Crusades to take back the holy lands which lasts for two centuries
- Spanish moors (Muslims) capture the Spanish Peninsular
- Christopher Columbus hired to find China by Isabel (Catherine of Aragon’s mother)
- Portuguese were sending people to explore south

Barbary Piracy

- African countries capturing slaves
- Dangerous for Europeans on African Coast or any coastal towns
- 20 000 people from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales captured
- However England does not feature much in Africa’s early history