

GLEAN Expedition 2006:

Mali, West Africa

July 5-26, 2006

Hidden in the mysterious Bandiagara Cliffs of southern Mali, West Africa, live a people who claim to be the conduit between heaven and earth: the people of the **Dogon**. For the GLEAN expedition 2006, we will guide a group of female high school students through the legendary cliff villages of the Dogon, a people who having withstood the foreign influence of conquering empires and slave traders, have retained their cultural integrity and traditional centuries-old lifestyle over the ages. While trekking through various villages deep in the heart of the Dogon Country, a region that has been regarded as one of the most picturesque and majestic parts of West Africa, students will have the opportunity to study first-hand the religious, artistic, social and political aspects of the Dogon people. Travel will include hotel stay while visiting major cities such as Timbuktu and Mopti, and tent camping while hiking through remote Dogon Villages such as Ireli and Daga. Students will witness Dogon dance festivals, ritual rites, musical performances and religious ceremonies and develop their research projects based upon these amazing primary experiences.

Please visit www.gleansworld.org for expedition application and more information

Application deadline is April 20, 2006!!!!!!

Please note this trip is for female students only.