Mande/Akan

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Maps of West Africa & of the various ethnic groups who populate this region.
Clockwise from left: Tellem peoples, Mali, Fragment of a blanket, 11th century CE. Cotton; Mende weaver operating a tripod loom, Sierra Leone, early 20th century. Mande-speaking peoples, Either Sierra Leone or Liberia, Three bolts of “Country cloth,” 20th century. Cotton.
Jola peoples, Gambia, (left) *Ejumba mask* (for male initiations), documented in 1825. Wood, cloth; (right) *Kankurang mask* (for male initiation and social control), documented in 1825. Fibers & vegetal materials.
Jola peoples (Gambia), *Kumpo mask* (for male initiation & social control), 2000s. Fiber & vegetal materials.
Clockwise from lower left: Woodcut of Cape Coast Castle, Gold Coast (Ghana), 1682. Map of James Island (Gambia), 1755. Nathaniel Jocelyn, Cinqué, 1839. Oil on canvas.