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# Africa

## Lesson 1: Physical and Political Characteristics

### LOCATION

1. Turn to the Continents and Oceans map on page 2. Use the map to fill in the table below.

Description	Name
Continent north of Africa	
Continent northeast of Africa	
Ocean east of Africa	
Ocean west of Africa	

2. Use the Land Cover Map on page 62 to answer the following questions.

- Which sea is directly north of Africa? \_\_\_\_\_
- What large island is east of Mozambique? \_\_\_\_\_
- Which strait lies between Morocco and Spain? \_\_\_\_\_
- What cape is on the southwestern tip of Africa? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Use the Land Cover Map to find the following regions. Circle the area in Africa where each region can be found.

- |                        |                  |                  |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| a. Ethiopian Highlands | in the east      | in the west      | in the south     |
| b. Atlas Mountains     | in the southeast | in the northwest | in the northeast |
| c. Kalahari Desert     | in the south     | in the east      | in the north     |
| d. Congo Basin         | in the north     | in the east      | in the center    |

### REGIONS

4. Cross out the land cover that is **not** found in the following countries.

- |             |             |                  |                      |
|-------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|
| a. Botswana | desert      | grassland        | tropical rain forest |
| b. Tanzania | semi-desert | broadleaf forest | grassland            |
| c. Senegal  | grassland   | desert           | tropical rain forest |
| d. Algeria  | cropland    | broadleaf forest | desert               |
| e. Cameroon | semi-desert | grassland        | tropical rain forest |
| f. Angola   | semi-desert | grassland        | cropland             |

**USING GEOGRAPHY**

5. Use the Political Map on page 63 to answer the following questions.
  - a. What African country borders the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea? \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. What is the capital of Africa's large island country to the east? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What is Africa's southernmost country? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. What African country is closest to Italy? \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. What large African lake does the Equator cross? \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. What country shares borders with Egypt and Ethiopia? \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. What channel is west of Madagascar? \_\_\_\_\_
  - h. What lake in Ghana does the Prime Meridian cross? \_\_\_\_\_
  - i. What is Africa's westernmost capital? \_\_\_\_\_
  
6. Use the Political Map to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write T or F in the space provided.
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ Tripoli is the capital of Libya.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ Angola is on the Indian Ocean.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ Kenya shares a border with Tanzania.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ The Nile River flows through Chad.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ The mouth of the Nile River is in Egypt.
  - f. \_\_\_\_\_ The city of Casablanca is in Morocco.
  - g. \_\_\_\_\_ Sierra Leone is a landlocked country.

**PLACES**

7. Draw a line to match each country listed below with its national capital.

<u>Country</u>	<u>Capital</u>
a. Egypt •	• Kinshasa
b. Congo •	• Algiers
c. Nigeria •	• Addis Ababa
d. Algeria •	• Mogadishu
e. Somalia •	• Cairo
f. Ethiopia •	• Abuja

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## *Lesson 2: Elevation and Rainfall*

### REGIONS

- Use the Elevation map on page 64 to complete the following sentences. Write an elevation from the answer key on the line provided. Some elevations may be used more than once.

Answer Key			
0 to 500 feet	1,000 to 2,000 feet	2,000 to 5,000 feet	10,000 feet

- The elevation of most of southern Africa is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The banks of the Nile River in Egypt have an elevation of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The brown sections of the Ethiopian Highlands indicate areas that are over \_\_\_\_\_ above sea level.
  - Most of the Congo Basin has an elevation of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The elevation of the coast of Nigeria is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The two elevation ranges of the Atlas Mountains are \_\_\_\_\_ and 5,000 to 10,000 feet.
- Use the Growing Season map on page 64 to answer the following questions.
    - What country has an area with a growing season of less than six months? \_\_\_\_\_
    - How long is the growing season throughout Nigeria? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Is the growing season longer near the Tropic of Cancer or the Equator? \_\_\_\_\_
    - Does any part of Africa have a growing season of less than three months? \_\_\_\_\_
    - How long is the growing season for most of Ethiopia? \_\_\_\_\_
    - How long is the growing season along the coast of Egypt? \_\_\_\_\_

### LOCATION

- Use the two photos and their captions on page 64 to answer the following questions.
  - What mountain is shown in the elephant picture? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What river is in the picture of Victoria Falls? \_\_\_\_\_
  - Do African rivers begin at the coast or end at the coast? \_\_\_\_\_

**PLACE**

4. Use Focus on the Sahara and the text on page 65 to determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. Write T or F in the space provided.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The hottest temperature on record, 136.4°F, was taken in Death Valley.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Sahara is larger than the 48 contiguous United States.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ *Sahara* means “desert” in Arabic.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Sahara is in southern Africa.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Sahara is made up entirely of sand.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ The Sahara is the largest desert in the world.

**RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN PLACES**

5. Use the Rainfall map on page 65. Read the sentences below describing the annual rainfall of African countries. Then circle the correct country.
- This country has an average annual rainfall of 10 inches or less.  
Congo                                      Egypt                                      Nigeria
  - Part of this country receives over 80 inches of rain annually.  
South Africa                                      Algeria                                      Nigeria
  - The western part of this country receives less than 20 inches of rain annually, while the eastern part of this country receives more than 20 inches of rain.  
Ethiopia                                      Nigeria                                      South Africa
  - The coast of this country has an annual rainfall of 20 to 40 inches per year.  
Algeria                                      Egypt                                      Nigeria
  - This country has four different areas of annual rainfall.  
Congo                                      Algeria                                      Ethiopia
  - Most of this country receives 40 to 80 inches of rainfall annually.  
South Africa                                      Congo                                      Ethiopia
6. Use the Rainfall map and the photo on page 65 to complete the following sentences.
- Northern Africa receives less rain than \_\_\_\_\_ Africa.
  - The pyramids are located in a region of Africa that receives \_\_\_\_\_ inches of rain per year.
  - The area along the Tropic of \_\_\_\_\_ is drier than the area along the Equator to the south.

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## Lesson 3: Where People Live

### PLACE

1. Use the Population map on page 66 to fill in the table below.

Place	People per Square Mile
Most of Algeria	
Center of Nigeria	
Most of Congo	
Along the Nile in Egypt	

### MOVEMENT

2. Use Focus on Independence in Africa and the text on page 66 to complete the following.
- African countries began winning their independence in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Today, the only territory in Africa is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In many places in Africa, the only common \_\_\_\_\_ is that of the last colonial power.
3. Use the People per Car graph on page 67 to answer the following. Circle the answer.
- Which country has about seven times the number of people per car as Senegal?  
 South Africa                      Uganda                      United States
  - Judging by the number of people per car, which African nation is the wealthiest?  
 South Africa                      Senegal                      Uganda

### RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN PLACES

4. Use the Land Use map on page 67 to match the following places with their land use.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Land Use</u>
a. most of western Ethiopia •	• subsistence farming
b. Kinshasa, Congo •	• nomadic herding
c. southwestern Egypt •	• urban
d. most of Algeria •	• no widespread use

5. According to the circle graph on page 67, do more Kenyans live in rural areas or urban areas?

**LOCATION**

▶ 6. Turn to the Africa Political Map on page 63. Look carefully at the locations of countries, cities, and bodies of water.

a. Close your atlas and label the following places on the map below.

Algeria

Congo

Atlantic Ocean

Sudan

South Africa

Indian Ocean

Mali

Lagos

Mediterranean Sea

Ethiopia

Cairo

Asia

b. Open your atlas and make any necessary corrections.

