

WORLD CULTURES II

Learning Unit No. 7
Africa - Geography

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UNIT OUTCOMES:

1. Identify the major countries and cities of the African Continent. (4.3.2))
2. Identify the areas that surround the African Continent and evaluate their potential impact. (4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3,)
3. Identify the climatic regions and resources of the African Continent. (4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3)
4. Analyze the population of the African Continent in terms of size and trends. (4.4.3)
5. Identify the rivers and land forms of the African Continent. (4.3.2)
6. Examine and analyze the paradox of extensive natural resources co-existing with a small, yet relatively poor, population. (3.1.2, 4.1.5, 4.3.3)

I. Continental issues

- A. Africa is a continent consisting of 53 countries (184 in the world)
- B. Africa is often confused with South America (shape, names, "horn", Congo-Amazon, location)
- C. Africa (the continent) is three times larger than the U.S. (the country) and is the 2nd largest continent (20% of the world's landmass)
- D. Africa is primarily in the tropics and depends on seasonal rains
- E. 2/3rds of the world's poorest countries are in Africa (1.2% of world GNP – same as Belgium with 10 million people)

II. Countries

"must know"

- A. A. Algeria
- B. B. Angola
- C. C. Cameroon
- D. D. Egypt
- E. E. Ethiopia
- F. F. Ghana
- G. G. Ivory Coast (Côte d'Ivoire)
- H. H. Kenya
- I. I. Liberia
- J. J. Libya
- K. K. Morocco
- L. L. Mozambique
- M. M. Nigeria (8th most pop. in the world)
- N. N. Senegal
- O. O. Somalia
- P. P. Republic of South Africa
- Q. Q. Rwanda
- R. R. Sudan
- S. S. Tanzania
- T. T. Tunisia
- U. U. Uganda
- V. V. Democratic Republic of Congo (Zaire)
- W. W. Zambia
- X. X. Zimbabwe

Note: Dependencies in Africa:
Madeira Islands (Portugal)
Reunion (France)

"trivial pursuits"

- A. Benin
- B. Botswana
- C. Burkina Faso (Upper Volta)
- D. Burundi
- E. Cape Verde Islands
- F. Central African Republic
- G. Chad
- H. Comoro Islands
- J. Congo
- J. Djibouti
- K. Equatorial Guinea
- L. Eritrea
- M. Gabon
- N. The Gambia
- O. Guinea
- P. Guinea-Bissau
- Q. Lesotho
- R. Madagascar
- S. Malawi
- T. Mali
- U. Mauritania
- V. Mauritius
- W. Namibia
- X. Niger
- Y. São Tomé and Príncipe
- Z. Seycelles
- AA. Sierra Leone
- BB. Swaziland

St. Helena Group (Britain)
Western Sahara (Morocco)

CC. Togo

III. Major cities

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| A. A. Cairo (largest - 6 mil.+) | H. Tripoli |
| B. B. Casablanca | I. Lagos (largest- 10 million+, 14 th most populous city in the world with ~6% growth) |
| C. C. Nairobi | J. Cape Town |
| D. D. Addis Ababa | K. Johannesburg |
| E. E. Kinshasa | L. Abidjan |
| F. F. Dakar | M. Monrovia |
| G. G. Algiers | N. Tunis |

IV. Surrounding countries and bodies of water

- A. Atlantic Ocean (Gulf of Guinea)
- B. Mediterranean (Strait of Gibraltar)
- C. Red Sea (Suez Canal)
- D. Gulf of Aden
- E. Indian Ocean (Cape of Good Hope)
- F. Europe (Spain, Italy, Greece, etc.)
- G. Middle East (Israel, Saudi Arabia, etc.)

V. Rivers (Sub-Saharan rivers provide little seafaring transportation)

- A. Nile (longest in the world)
- B. Congo (Zaire)
- C. Niger
- D. Zambezi

VI. Deserts

- A. Sahara (has provided a barrier to interaction with North Africa and Europe, is larger than the United States, 3.5 million sq. miles, 2 million people)
- B. Kalahari and Namib

VII. Landforms

- A. Great Rift Valley
- B. Mount Kilimanjaro (19,340')
- C. Atlas Mountains

VIII. Lake - Victoria (2nd largest fresh water lake behind Lake Superior)

IX. Regions (North Africa, West Africa, Southern Africa, East Africa, Central Africa)

- A. savanna (grasslands) - 40%
- B. tropical rainforest (jungle) - 8%
- C. desert - 40% (Sahel)
- D. Mediterranean climate

X. Resources - Africa is rich in minerals

- A. gold (Ghana, Zaire, southern Africa)
- B. 80% of the world's diamonds (South Africa)
- C. copper (Zaire, Zimbabwe, Zambia)
- D. uranium, tungsten, bauxite, etc.

XI. Population

- A. Continent - 761 million - 12.1% of world (largest country is Nigeria - 112 mil.)
- B. Africa has the highest population growth rate in the world - 2.9%
(42 births per 1,000 - 3x the U.S. /13 death per 1,000 - 2x the U.S.)

XII. Language - Africans speak more than 1,000 languages

- A. - Swahili is the lingua franca in East Africa

