

## Building Vocabulary

Nile River	rift valley	Mount Kilimanjaro
escarpment	Sahara	aquifer
oasis	Serengeti	canopy
Sahel	desertification	Niger delta
Aswan High Dam	silt	

### A. Sentence Completion

Select the term that best completes the sentence.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is Africa's highest peak.
- An \_\_\_\_\_ is a steep slope with a nearly flat plateau on top.
- An \_\_\_\_\_ supports vegetation and wildlife in the desert and is a critical resource for people living in this area.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ refers to the top of trees, about 150 feet above the ground.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is a narrow band of dry grassland that runs east to west on the southern edge of the Sahara.

### B. Matching

Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.

_____ 1. Nile River	a. grasslands in Tanzania
_____ 2. rift valley	b. the world's longest river
_____ 3. Sahara	c. the largest desert in the world
_____ 4. aquifer	d. huge stores of underground water
_____ 5. Serengeti	e. created an artificial lake, named Lake Nasser
_____ 6. desertification	f. contains rich oil deposits in Nigeria
_____ 7. Niger delta	g. long, thin valley
_____ 8. Aswan High Dam	h. an expansion of dry conditions to moist areas that are next to deserts

### C. Writing About Geography

Imagine you are a biologist who is studying ecosystems in Africa. Using each of the following terms correctly, write a report that describes the land, animals, and vegetation of this region. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.

escarpment	Serengeti	Mount Kilimanjaro
rift valley	canopy	oasis
Sahel	Sahara	

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Olduvai Gorge	cash crop	pandemic
Carthage	Islam	<i>rai</i>
Gorée Island	Ashanti	stateless society
Bantu migrations	Mobutu Sese Seko	Fang sculpture
Great Zimbabwe	apartheid	Nelson Mandela

### A. Sentence Completion

- Select the term that best completes the sentence.
- Over the years, \_\_\_\_\_ has contained the most continuous known record of humanity over the past two million years.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ was a city on the coast of the Mediterranean Sea in North Africa that became a trading and commercial force in the ancient world.
  - A \_\_\_\_\_ is a disease affecting a large population over a wide geographic area.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ served as one of the busiest departure points for slaves during the slave trade.
  - The mass movement of this group of peoples southward throughout Africa was called the \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Matching

- Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.
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| _____ 1. cash crop         | a. a group of people who govern themselves according to family lineage                      |
| _____ 2. Islam             | b. in Algeria, music developed by poor urban children                                       |
| _____ 3. <i>rai</i>        | c. a monotheistic religion practiced by Muslims   |
| _____ 4. Ashanti           | d. in South Africa, a policy that legalized the separation of the races                     |
| _____ 5. stateless society | e. they are grown for direct sale   |
| _____ 6. Mobutu Sese Seko  | f. elected president of South Africa in 1994  |
| _____ 7. Fang sculpture    | g. a city established by the Shona around 1000  |
| _____ 8. Great Zimbabwe    | h. a type of Central African art that influenced the artist Pablo Picasso                   |
| _____ 9. apartheid         | i. they are known for weaving colorful <i>asasia</i>  |
| _____ 10. Nelson Mandela   | k. the leader of what is now the Democratic Republic of the Congo from the 1960s until 1997 |

### C. Writing About Geography

- Using each of the following terms correctly, write a brief history of Southern Africa. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.
- Great Zimbabwe      apartheid      Nelson Mandela

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"one-commodity" country	commodity	diversity
AIDS	malaria	cholera
tuberculosis	UNAIDS	

### A. Sentence Completion

- Select the term that best completes the sentence.
1. A country that relies on one principle export for much of its earnings is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an agricultural or mining product that can be sold.
  3. \_\_\_\_\_ is caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
  4. Lack of sanitation and a clean water supply can lead to \_\_\_\_\_, a treatable infection that is often fatal.
  5. \_\_\_\_\_ is a respiratory infection spread by human contact.

### B. Matching

- Match the definition in the second column with the word in the first column. Write the appropriate letter next to the word.
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| _____ 1. commodity    | a. widespread flooding caused an outbreak of this disease in Mozambique                     |
| _____ 2. diversify    | b. AIDS is often accompanied by this disease  |
| _____ 3. AIDS         | c. what many African nations need to do to build stronger economies                         |
| _____ 4. cholera      | d. a high-level political commitment has helped Uganda to have success against this disease |
| _____ 5. malaria      | e. a virus carried by mosquitos   |
| _____ 6. tuberculosis | f. oil, gold, and coffee are examples   |

### C. Writing About Geography

- Imagine you are a doctor working in Africa. Using each of the following terms correctly, write a weekly report that describes the patients you have seen and their diseases. Use the back of this page and underline each term you use.
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| AIDS   | cholera      | malaria |
| UNAIDS | tuberculosis |         |