

**7th Grade Social Studies**  
**3rd Nine Weeks Benchmark Study Guide 2017**  
**ANSWER KEY**

1. Why is currency exchange necessary for trading? **There must be a way to pay for goods purchased from countries with different types of currencies**
2. What are the effects of deforestation? **Land becomes useless for farming and agriculture**
3. Why do people in Egypt only live on a small portion of the country? **Most of the country is a desert**
4. Why might some African countries begin to fight over water? **Countries compete to share the rivers**
5. Which ethnic group inhabits most of Africa south of the Congo River? **Bantu-speaking**
6. Define civil war. **Different groups within a nation fight**
7. What two African countries have a republic form of government? **Kenya and South Africa**
8. What type of government does South Africa have? **Democracy**
9. Who holds the power in a confederation? **Local governments**
10. What role do individual voters have in a democratic government? **The people get to vote to decide who rules**
11. Define parliamentary democracy. **The president/prime minister is elected by the legislative body**
12. Define presidential democracy. **The president is elected by the people**
13. Why are many children in Africa orphans? **The disease of HIV/AIDS has killed their parents**
14. Why do most countries operate with a mixed economy? **They need a mix of free market and government control to protect consumers**
15. What are the effects of desertification? **There is less land for animals to graze**
16. Why is specialization so important? **It allows people to produce what they are good at and trade for things they want**
17. Gold and diamonds are found in which country of Africa? **South Africa**
18. The Niger River Delta has a lot of which natural resource? **Oil**
19. Why is there a high unemployment in South Africa? **Unemployed black South African workers are still feeling the effects of the apartheid system**
20. Why did the United Nations have an embargo on the South Africa? **They wanted South Africa to end apartheid**
21. What are three examples of human capital? **Investment into skills, education, and healthcare of workers**
22. Define indirect rule. **Using people to help officials administer a colony**
23. What is the name of the organization that was formed to work for equality in South Africa? **African National Congress**
24. Why was Europe interested in colonizing Africa? **They wanted to make money off of the natural resources found in Africa**
25. Why is the Nile River important? **It supplies 85% of the country's water**
26. What did Nelson Mandela fight to end? **Apartheid**
27. What was one conflict that many ethnic groups faced in Africa after gaining independence? **Countries had been divided up without regard to ethnic and religious groups, forcing them to live together**
28. Civil war and genocide have caused millions of people to flee their homelands in Africa. What is the term that describes a person who has been forced to leave their country in order to escape war, persecution, or natural disaster? **Refugee**
29. Who was the last president of South Africa during apartheid? **F.W. de Klerk**
30. Why was the government of Kenya criticised after their independence? **The government was controlled by one party**
31. What is subsistence farming? **They only grow enough food to feed their families**