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Seventh Grade Social Studies

Unit 1: Geography of Africa

Physical Geography of Africa Guided Notes



Directions

Fill in the blanks while viewing the presentation "Physical Geography of Africa."

Atlas Mountains

- Located along the coast of the _____
- Separates the _____ regions from the _____

Sahara Desert

- Runs across the width of _____ Africa
- World's largest _____
- Comprised of _____, _____, and wide stretches of _____
- _____ people live there
- _____ cross the desert to _____

Sahel

- Located _____ of the Sahara
- A dry, _____ region that is slowly turning into _____
- Little _____
- People have tried to _____ there, but generations of _____ and _____ have caused soil erosion

Savanna

- Located near the _____
- Vast area of _____ and more _____ habitats
- Large variety of _____, including lions and elephants
- _____ is good, when there is good _____

Rainforest

- Located along the _____
- Hot and _____ climates, with dense _____ with trees that are _____ of feet tall
- Large variety of _____
- Biggest threat: _____ growth that requires _____ for _____

Kalahari Desert

- Located in the _____ part of Africa
- Surrounded by _____ areas that are slowly becoming _____

Nile River

- World's _____ river
- Flows _____ for over 4,000 miles and empties into the _____ Sea
- _____ Nile and _____ Nile are _____
- Provides water for _____ and _____

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Nile River

1. Why do you think the area around the Nile River looks green from space?
2. What is the term used to describe what happens at the mouth of the river, shown above?

Lake Victoria

- Largest _____ in Africa
- _____ Nile begins here
- Located in _____ Africa

Congo River

- Flows through _____ and _____ Africa, through the largest _____ in Africa and the _____ largest in the world
- Begins in _____ Africa, near Lake Tanganyika
- Flows almost _____ miles before it reaches the _____ Coast

Lake Tanganyika

- One of the largest _____ lakes in the world
- Located in _____ Africa
- One of the _____ lakes in the world

Niger River

- _____ largest river in Africa
- Flows from _____ over _____ miles to the coast
- _____ of the river flows a large _____, sometimes referred to the "_____ " because of the _____ industry centered there