

SS7G3 The student will explain the impact of location, climate, and physical characteristics on population distribution in Africa.

a. Explain how the characteristics in the Sahara, Sahel, savanna, & tropical rain forest affect where people live, the type of work they do, & how they travel.

The Sahara

1. Sahara is the _____ desert in the world.
It receives less than _____ inches of rain each year.
- The Sahara covers a _____ of the African continent- an area the size of the _____.

Location: What borders the Sahara to the west, north, east and south?

2. Climate of Sahara
During the day, the temperature can reach _____.
- The Sahara receives _____ of rain per year.
- The _____ makes it a desert.
- What is an oasis?

People

3. The majority of people living in the Sahara are _____, which means these people _____ from region to region in search of better living conditions.

4. What are the names of at least 3 animals found in the Sahara?

*** Describe and illustrate them on your construction paper.**

The Sahel

Location The Sahel is a narrow band of _____ land _____ of the Sahara

People Both _____ and _____, the Sahel has attracted a diverse population. Some are _____ moving with seasonal flooding of the Niger. Others are _____.

* How have people along the Sahel caused it to shrink?

Climate:

For nine months of the year, the Sahel is _____.
_____ comes with the rainy season, but is quickly consumed by _____.
_____ or _____.

******* Sahel ranks as the _____ place on earth. Temperatures stay between _____ and _____ year round.

Animals **Pick 2 of the featured animals of the Sahel. Describe and illustrate them on your construction paper.**

The Savanna

Location: What countries that are listed in our standard **SS7G1** are covered with African savannas?

Climate: The African savanna are covered in _____ and _____.

The temperature is between _____ and _____ all year.

****** In the winter, the savanna might get _____ inches of rain each month.

In the _____, _____ summer it is possible for no rain to fall.

People:

Today, the plains boast a wide range of cultures, from Maasai _____, to Kikuyu _____, and Dorobo _____.

Sporadic _____, _____ and _____ are tiring the land out.

Animals

The savanna is where people go on a _____ to see wild animals in Africa.

On this page are pictures and descriptions of various animals found in the African savanna. **Pick 3 and describe and illustrate them on your construction paper.**

The Tropical Rain forest

Location In the space provided, sketch a small map of Africa and identify where the tropical rain forest is located.

Climate

In the rain forest, it may rain as much as _____ inches a year!

- The air is _____ and the temperature is always _____.
- List and describe the 4 layers of the rain forest.

People

African forest people tend to be _____ than those from the savanna.

- Their small stature allows them to move around the forest easier than _____ people.
- These groups are _____, moving to new parts of the _____ several times each year.
- They carry all of their things on their _____.
- The women do the _____ with baskets on their backs.
- Men concentrate on _____ and collecting _____.
- Why is the nomadic lifestyle good for the rain forest environment?

Animals

Why are many animals of the rain forest endangered species?

On your construction paper: Describe and illustrate 3 other animals found in the rain forest.

Atlas Mountains:

1. The Atlas Mountains are the most _____ of Africa's mountains.
2. What 3 African countries do they stretch across?

Kalahari Desert:

1. What 3 countries does the Kalahari Desert stretch across?
2. What do people that live in the Kalahari do for a living?

Lake Tanganyika:

1. Lake Tanganyika is found in the hills of the _____.
2. It lies in what 4 African countries?

Lake Victoria

1. This is the _____ lake in Africa
2. It is the main reservoir of the _____ River.
3. Lake Victoria is known for its abundance of _____.

Atlas Mountains

The Atlas Mountains provide a route between the _____ and the _____ Desert.

Kalahari Desert

- G _____ grows throughout the Kalahari in the _____ season.
G _____ and a _____ are possible in certain areas.

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