

Social Studies
Global Geography: Academic
Unit 3: Africa

Essential Understandings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Political, physical, economic, social, historic, and environmental factors contributed to the development of this region.
Essential Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What events defined this culture? ▪ What are the social and environmental issues facing Africa? ▪ What are the different cultures of Africa? ▪ What are the different place names of Africa?
Essential Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Challenges that face this region include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Farming/food for an arid land with an increasing population ○ Economic and environmental developments ▪ Political and physical features shape the region. ▪ History of a region shapes its characteristics. ▪ Cultural and religious characteristics shape the region.
Vocabulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Terms:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ erg, reg, wadis, hieroglyphics, fellahin, Sahel, desertification, dual economies, Swahili, sisal, gum, Arabic, genocide, escarpment, veld, apartheid
Essential Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use a timeline to show patterns that developed in this region. ▪ Identify benchmarks defining events in the history of this region. ▪ Draw place and/or feature locations. ▪ Identify names, locations, and characteristics of political and physical features. ▪ Explain historical and cultural changes. ▪ Show how resources and economics are related.
Related Maine Learning Results	<p><u>Social Studies</u> D. Geography D1. Geographic Knowledge, Concepts, Themes, and Patterns Students understand the geography of the United States and various regions of the world and the effect of geographic influences on decisions about the present and future. b. Describe the major regions of the Earth and their major physical, environmental, and cultural features using a variety of geographic tools.</p>
Sample Lessons And Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use a graphic organizer to identify challenges and their respective cause in the various parts of Africa
Sample Classroom Assessment Methods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Poster assignment of graphic organizer with illustrations from magazines
Sample Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Publications:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>World Geography Today</u> - Holt, Rinehart, 2003

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