

The Physical Geography of Africa

Part 1. Mapwork

On the physical map provided, label the following **NEATLY** and **CLEARLY** as directed below. Use the maps in your textbook, *Patterns of Interaction*, on pages 191, 194, 974 & 975.

A. BODIES OF WATER --> use a **BLUE** pen or pencil

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| * Nile River | * Gulf of Sidra |
| * Congo [Zaire] River | * Indian Ocean |
| * Zambezi River | * Red Sea |
| * Niger River | * Lake Victoria |
| * Orange River | * Lake Nyasa |
| * Limpopo River | * Lake Chad |
| * Mediterranean Sea | * Lake Tanganyika |
| * Atlantic Ocean | * Gulf of Aden |

B. MOUNTAINS & PEAKS --> use **BLACK** pen or pencil

- * Atlas Mountains
- * Drakensburg Mountains
- * Mt. Kenya
- * Mt. Kilimanjaro

C. DESERTS --> use a **RED** pen or pencil

- * Sahara Desert
- * Kalahari Desert
- * Namib Desert
- * Libyan Desert
- * Sahel

D. VALLEYS/PLAINS --> use a **GREEN** pen or pencil

- * Great Rift Valley
- * Congo River Basin

E. OTHER --> use a **BLACK** pen or pencil

- * Equator
- * Tropic of Cancer
- * Tropic of Capricorn

Part 2. Physiographic Features of Africa

Respond to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. What is the main mountain range that cuts through the Morocco/Algeria border?
2. What is the most southern mountain range extending across the coast of South Africa?
3. What is the vast river basin that covers a large portion of south-central Africa, towards the western border?
4. What is the highest point in Africa?
5. What lake is between Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania?
6. What major latitudinal line runs across Gabon, Congo, Dem. Republic of the Congo (Zaire), Uganda, Kenya and Somalia?
7. What region lies just below the Sahara Desert?
8. What major plateau is bordered by Somalia and Eritrea?
9. What major river system runs from Cameroon through to Guinea and Sierra Leone?
10. What river system begins in Sudan and empties into the Mediterranean Sea, just north of the city of Cairo?
11. What river system runs through the Congo Basin?
12. What is the name of the body of water (Gulf) just off the coast of Nigeria?
13. What is the major desert that covers Botswana?
14. What is the name of the desert covering parts of Libya and Egypt?
15. What is the name of the valley running through Rwanda, Burundi, and Tanzania?
16. What is the name of the latitudinal line at about 23 degrees S, running across southern Africa?
17. What is the name of the latitudinal line at about 23 degrees N, running across northern Africa?
18. What is the name of the strait between Africa and Europe?
19. What is the name of the body of water separating Africa from the Middle East?
20. Consult the map on page 207. How does the size of the Sahara Desert compare with the United States? How do you think the total population of Africa compares with that of the countries shown?