

AFRICA - KEY

1. What are the problems of Africa today ? Name a few. **democracy only in a few countries, unstable governments, illnesses, diseases, poverty, low life expectancy**
2. At which time in the Earth's history were the Atlas Mountains formed? **at the same time as the Alps were formed**
3. Where is the Sahel region located? **between the Sahara Desert and tropical Africa**
4. Where does the Nile River have its origin ? **in the eastern African highlands near the equator**
5. Describe the landscapes East Africa. **highlands and plateaus, high mountain peaks, deep mountain valleys and lakes in-between**
6. Why are there earthquakes and volcanoes in this area? **because eastern Africa is located on two plates that are moving**
7. Name two deserts in southern Africa? **Namib, Kalahari**
8. What are "velds" ? **old plateaus in southern Africa**
9. Which continent or subcontinent did Madagascar originally belong to? **Asia, a part of India**
10. Where are the hottest regions in Africa? **in the Sahara Desert**
11. How does the amount of rainfall change the farther you move away from the equator? **the further you move away from the equator, the drier it gets**
12. Which region of Africa has two wet seasons? **tropical Africa, near the equator**
13. Which areas get the most rain during the wintertime? **the Mediterranean coast and South Africa**
14. Which regions in Africa have been hard hit by droughts? Why? **the Sahel zone, large differences in rainfall from year to year, climate zones are changing due to global warming**
15. How many people live on the continent today? **1.2 billion**
16. Where are the most densely populated regions? **the Nile Delta, the Mediterranean coast, Nigeria, the eastern highlands**

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17. What do many people in the poor regions of Africa suffer from? **shortage of food, diseases, droughts, poor sanitation**
18. When did Arabs start settling on the continent? **about 600 A.D.**
19. How did Christianity spread to parts of Africa? **through the work of European and North American missionaries**
20. Name a few of the largest cities in Africa. **Lagos, Cairo, Kinshasa**
21. In which sector of the economy do most Africans work? **agriculture**
22. What kind of crops are grown on plantations? **cash crops, cocoa, bananas, coffee**
23. Name a few valuable minerals that are mined in Africa? **phosphate, copper, gold, platinum, bauxite, diamonds**
24. Why are industries in Africa not as fully developed as in other areas in the world? **European colonial powers did not set up industries in Africa but imported raw materials**
25. From where does Africa get foreign aid? **western countries**
26. Name a few countries that attract many tourists. What do they have to offer? **Egypt (ancient sites, beach tourism), Kenya, Tanzania (safaris)**
27. Why is Africa called the cradle of civilization? **the first humans roamed the continent 2 million years ago**
28. Name a few city states that became powerful in the Middle Ages? **Mogadishu, Zanzibar**
29. What does the term "*Scramble for Africa*" mean? **European powers divided Africa into areas of interest**
30. Why were Europeans so interested in Africa? **raw materials for the emerging industries in Europe**
31. When did most African countries get their independence? **after World War II**