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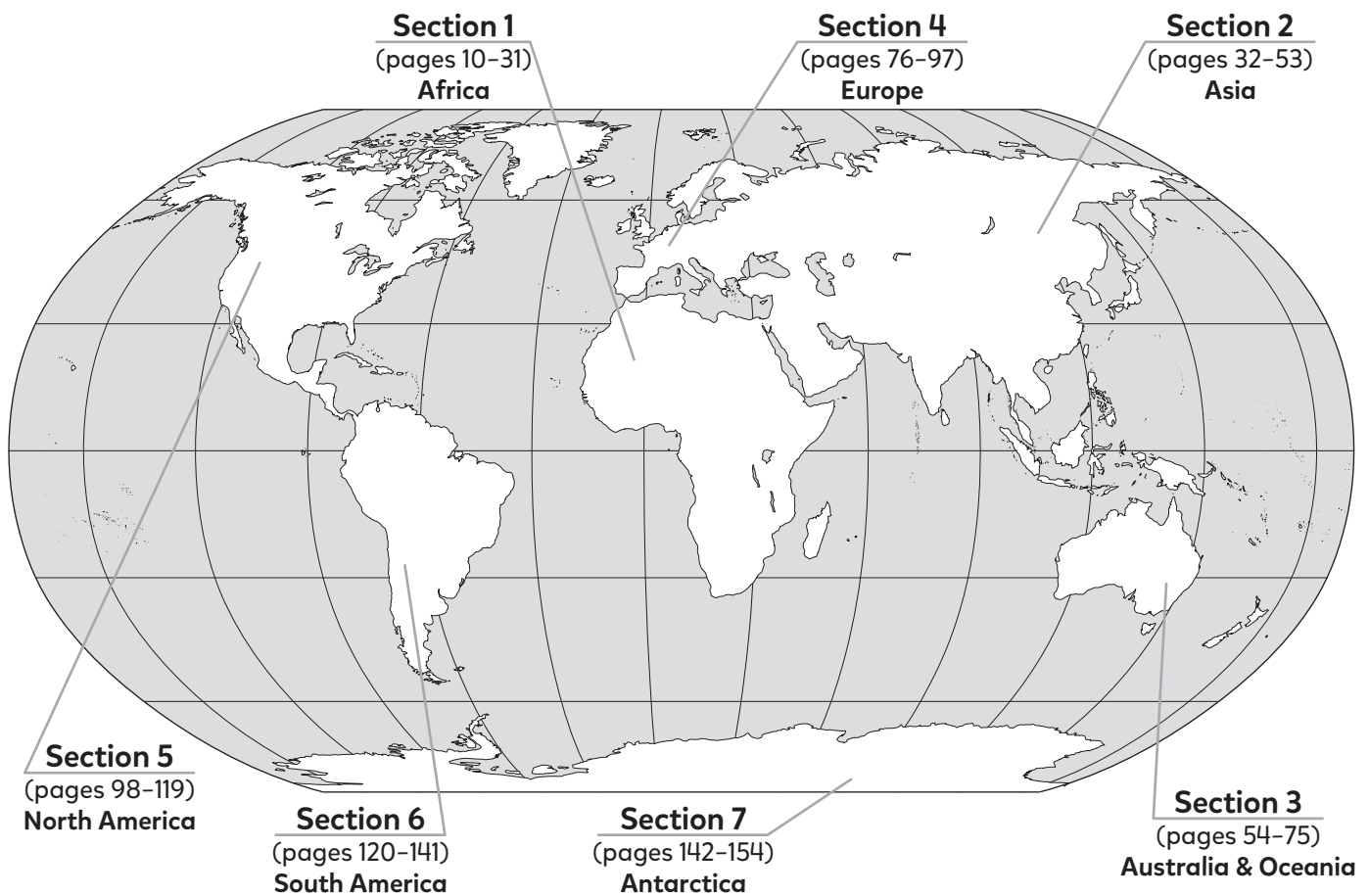


Introduction

World Geography is designed to help students acquire basic knowledge about the world by focusing on each of the seven continents. The pages within this book include reproducible maps, informative data, and related activities that can help reinforce and enhance your students' knowledge of world geography.

Unit Organization and Management

The study of world geography presented in this book is divided by continent.



With the exception of Antarctica, each section is identical in format but includes content tailored to the continent. For example, each section includes a population graphing exercise with identical instructions and layout but with data pertaining to the continent.

For a description of each page that can be found in Sections #1-6, see page 5. For these six sections, consider one of the following teaching options:

- ✿ A different continent may be assigned to each of six small groups. By doing this, each group will complete the same types of tasks and activities but for different continents.
- ✿ A different continent may be assigned to each member of a group. Individual group members may help one another with the required skills but not the content.
- ✿ All of the worksheets of one type may be assigned to a group. For example, one group may be in charge of learning about the most prominent physical features of each of the six highly inhabited continents.

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The information and activities listed below can be found in Sections #1–6. (Section #7 examines Antarctica and is unique due to the continent’s lack of human population.)

Page(s)	Title	Description
1	Continent Overview	informational page with size, population, and number of countries; includes a map with all of the continent’s countries labeled
2	Physical Geography	informational page with location and other important geographical statistics (size, distances, highest and lowest points, etc.); includes a list with explanations about the continent’s most common landforms
3	Physical Features	activity page with a labeled map of many of the continent’s most important physical features (mountains, waterways, islands, capes, etc.)
4	Mountains	ordering and graphing page based on the five tallest mountain peaks on the continent
5–6	Waterways	a two-page mapping activity based on the continent’s most prominent rivers, lakes, seas, oceans, etc.
7	Deserts/ Peninsulas	activity page based on the locations and details about the continent’s most prominent deserts or peninsulas
8	Islands	activity page based on the mapping coordinates of the continent’s most prominent islands
9	Climate	activity page with bar graphs about the average yearly precipitation and seasonal temperatures of four of the continent’s important cities
10	Vegetation	activity page based on the vegetation found in the various landforms of the continent
11	Products & Resources	activity page based on the types of products (agricultural, mining, etc.) abundantly produced within the continent
12	Animals	activity page based on the types of animals found on the continent, along with their preservation status
13	Human Geography	informational page about population, languages, religious beliefs, lifestyles, and education on the continent
14	Population	activity page based on the continent’s population growth rate from 1980–2020
15	Populous Countries	activity page focused on the continent’s 10 most populous countries
16	Major Cities	activity page focused on 10 of the continent’s most important cities
17	Languages	activity page based on the official languages of various countries on the continent
18	Religions	activity page based on the predominant religions of several countries on the continent
19	Culture & History	two-part activity page, with the first part focusing on the traditional clothing worn in a specific country and the second part focusing on a hands-on activity that has historical or cultural significance to the continent
20	A Natural Wonder	writing-based activity page about one or more natural sites found on the continent
21	Assessment	multiple-choice test for cumulative review of the information covered about the continent
22	Answer Key	comprehensive key with all applicable answers, graphs, tables, etc.

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In addition to an in-depth lesson on each continent, this book also contains several other resources to help teachers and students in their study of world geography.

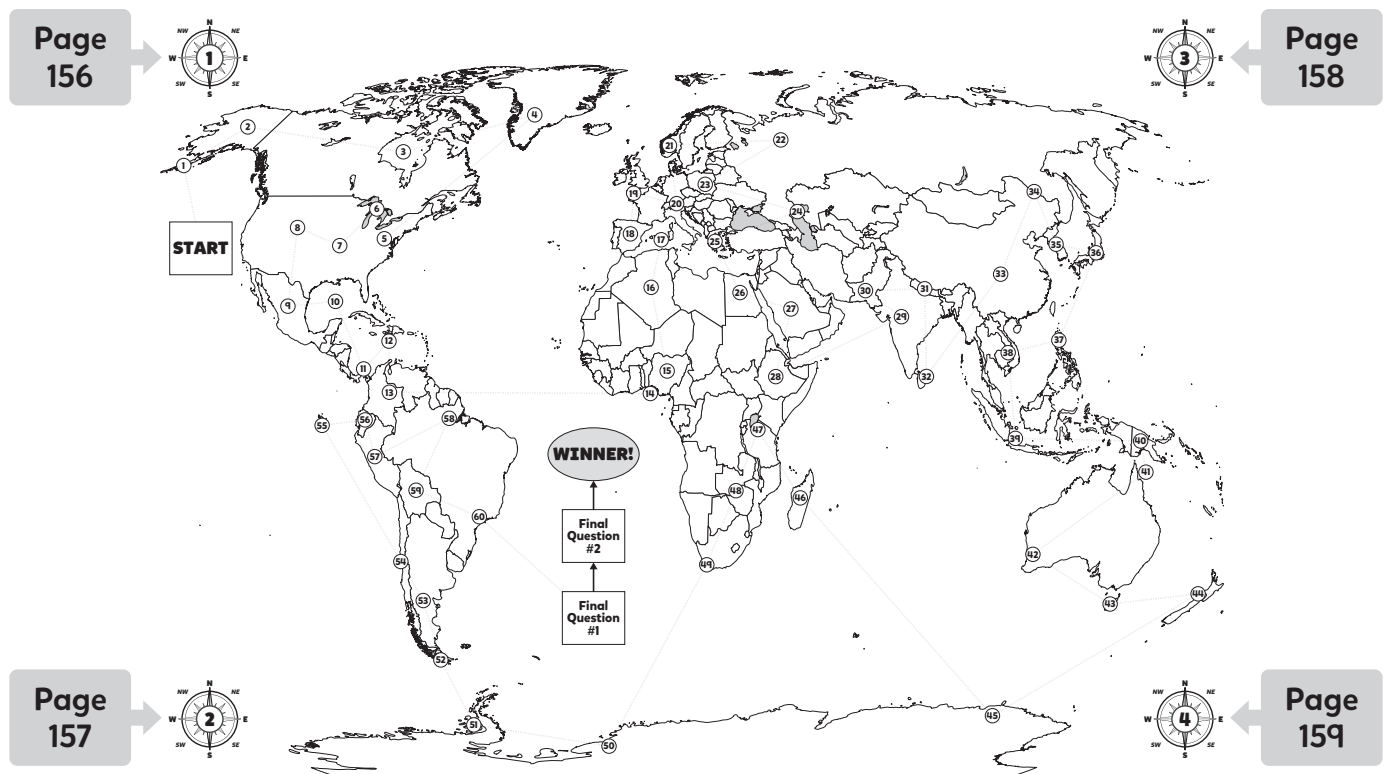
Geography Vocabulary (pages 8–9)

From *archipelago* to *volcano*, this handy reference guide includes the names and definitions of the most common terms students will encounter during their study of world geography.

World Geography Game (pages 155–166)

This activity is a helpful cumulative assessment tool in the form of a board game. This section begins with an instructions guide that explains how to set up the board and what the rules are for the gameplay. In all, there are 72 geography-related question cards that will get students engaged and answering all manner of geography-related questions. A complete answer key is included.

The Game Board (once assembled)



Ideas Bank (pages 167–168)

Looking for ways to build upon the information presented in this book? This resource gives ideas for ways to increase map skills, dig deeper into the cultures of these continents, and extend learning into other areas of the curriculum.

Blank Maps (pages 169–176)

This book ends with reproducible copies of the maps teachers will use during the lessons. In addition to one full-page map of the world, there are full-page blank maps of each of the continents.

The African Continent

Size: 11.7 million square miles

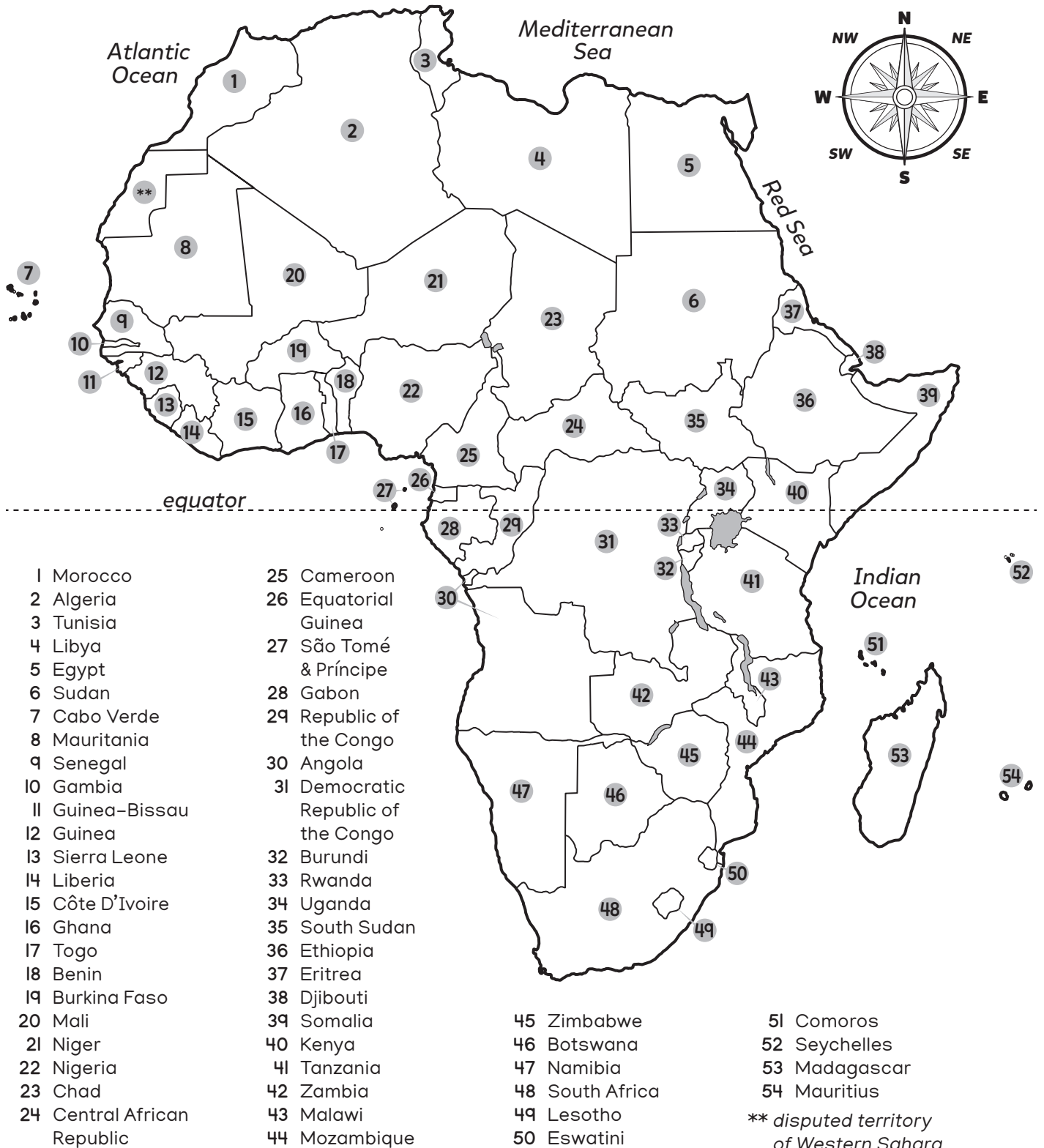
2nd among the 7 continents

Population: 1.478 billion people

2nd among the 7 continents

Countries: 54*

1st among the 7 continents



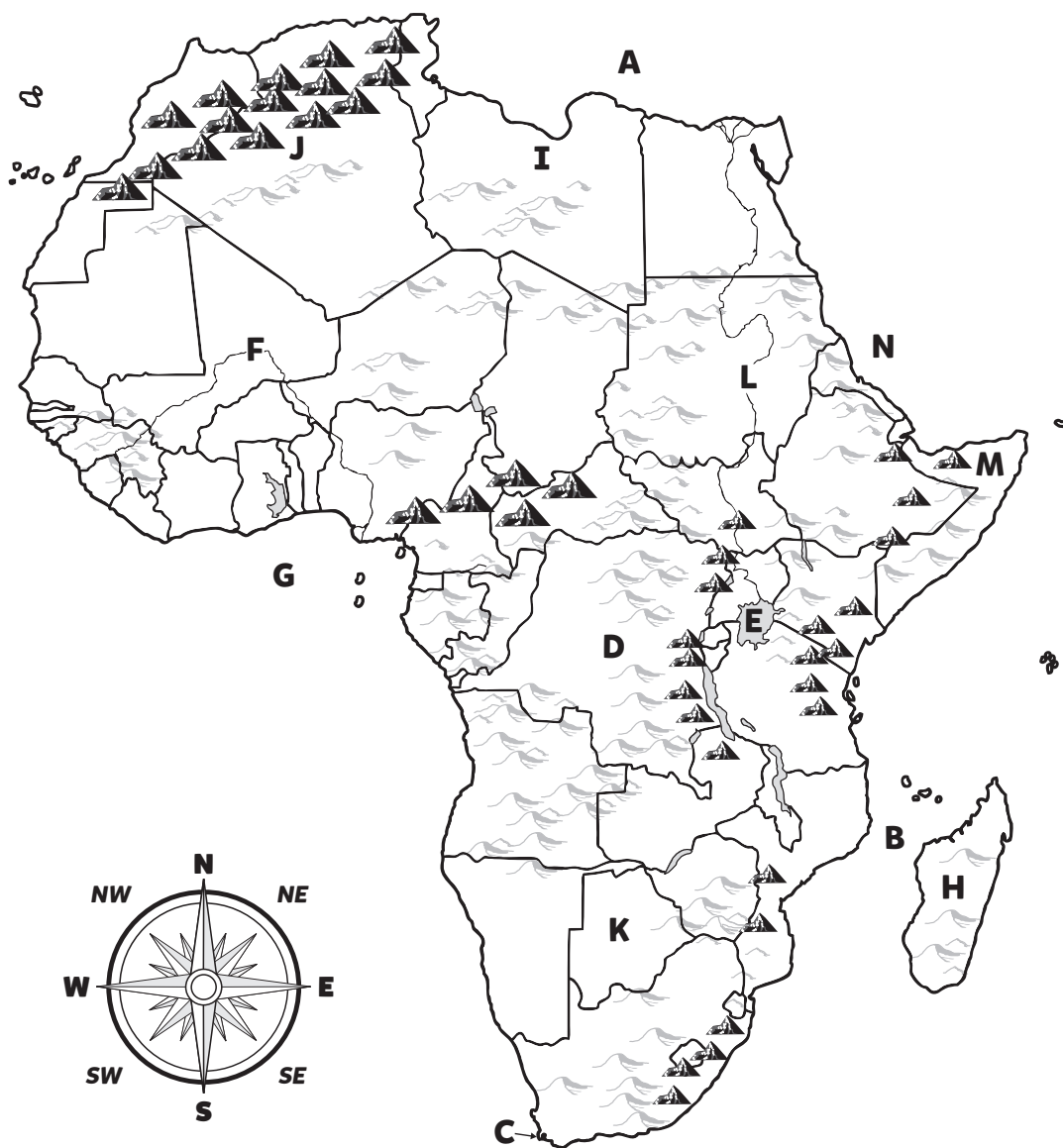
* as recognized by the United Nations as of 2024

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Physical Features

Fourteen of Africa's most important physical features are labeled on the map below. Conduct research, then write the letter from the map beside the name of the feature.

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| _____ 1. Atlas Mountains | _____ 8. Mediterranean Sea |
| _____ 2. Cape of Good Hope | _____ 9. Mozambique Channel |
| _____ 3. Congo Basin | _____ 10. Niger River |
| _____ 4. Gulf of Guinea | _____ 11. Nile River |
| _____ 5. Kalahari Desert | _____ 12. Red Sea |
| _____ 6. Lake Victoria | _____ 13. Sahara Desert |
| _____ 7. Madagascar | _____ 14. Somali Peninsula |



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Vegetation

Three types of landforms dominate the African landscape. Conduct research to learn more about these landforms on the African continent.

Follow the directions and answer the questions given below.

Deserts

1. Shade the area **yellow** to show where deserts are the dominant landform on the continent.
2. What types of plants or trees grow in the deserts of Africa? Name three.

Grasslands and Savannas

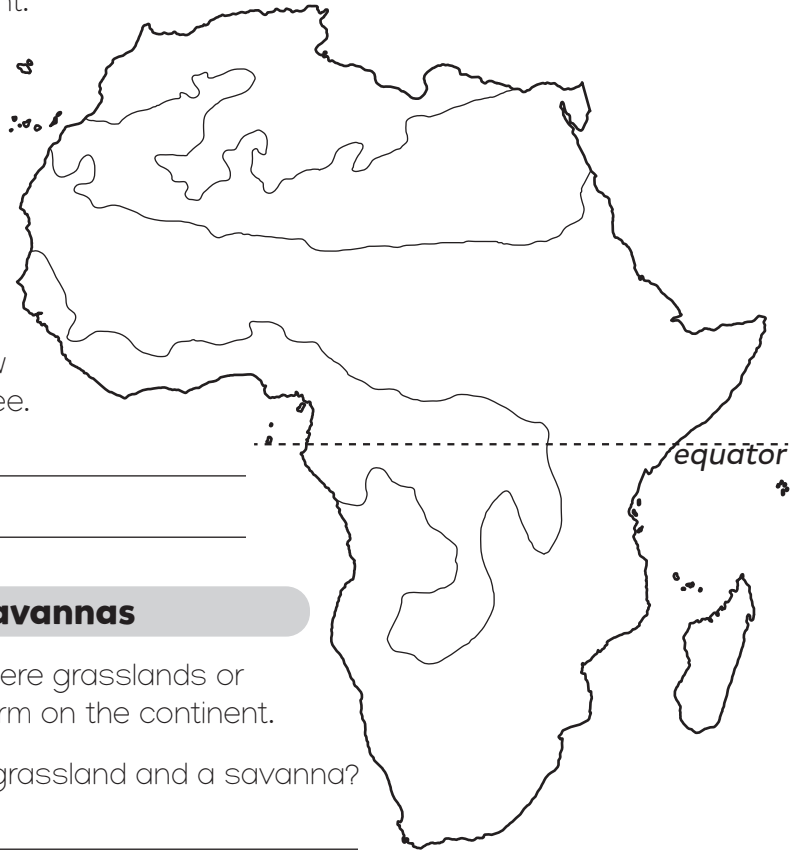
3. Shade the area **brown** to show where grasslands or savannas are the dominant landform on the continent.
4. What is the difference between a grassland and a savanna?

5. What types of plants or trees grow in the grasslands of Africa? Name three.

6. What types of plants or trees grow in the savannas of Africa? Name three.

Rainforests

7. Shade the area **green** to show where rainforests are the dominant landform on the continent.
8. What types of plants or trees grow in the rainforests of Africa? Name three.



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Animals

Conduct research to find out about the animals listed. They can all be found in Africa.

- ✿ In the "Type" column, identify the animal as a **mammal**, **reptile**, **bird**, or **fish**.
- ✿ In the next column, write "endangered" if the animal is on an endangered species list. (These lists change to reflect regular updating.)
- ✿ On the short line to the left, write the letter to match each animal with its picture.

	Animal	Type	Endangered?	
a	_____ 1. cheetah	_____	_____	i
	_____ 2. chimpanzee	_____	_____	
b	_____ 3. crocodile	_____	_____	j
	_____ 4. dromedary	_____	_____	
c	_____ 5. elephant	_____	_____	k
	_____ 6. flamingo	_____	_____	
d	_____ 7. giraffe	_____	_____	l
	_____ 8. gorilla	_____	_____	
e	_____ 9. hippopotamus	_____	_____	m
	_____ 10. jerboa	_____	_____	
f	_____ 11. lion	_____	_____	n
	_____ 12. okapi	_____	_____	
g	_____ 13. ostrich	_____	_____	o
	_____ 14. rhinoceros	_____	_____	
h	_____ 15. zebra	_____	_____	

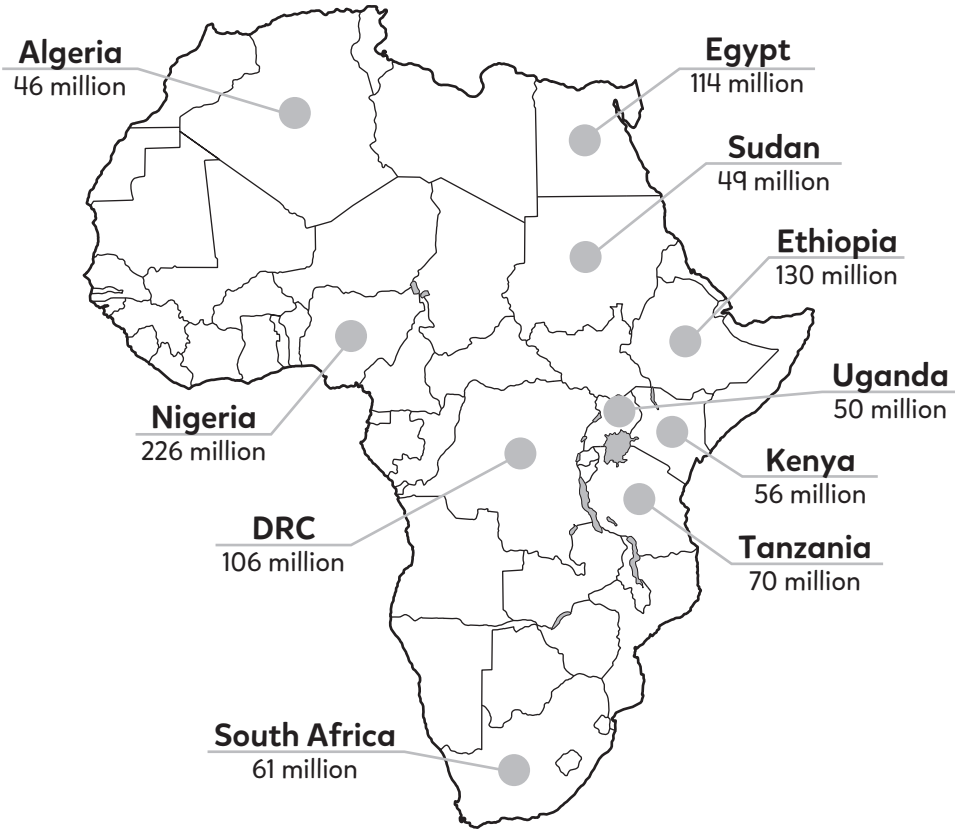
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Populous Countries

This map highlights the 10 African countries that the most people call home. To complete the bar graph below, rank the countries in order based on the population data provided.

Notes: All population figures are from 2024 and are rounded to nearest million. The abbreviation “DRC” stands for “Democratic Republic of the Congo.”



Rank	Country Name																				
1st																					
2nd																					
3rd																					
4th																					
5th																					
6th																					
7th																					
8th																					
9th																					
10th																					

40 60 80 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240
population (in millions)

A Natural Wonder

Spotlight On Victoria Falls

Located on the Zambezi River between the countries of Zambia and Zimbabwe, Victoria Falls has been named one of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World. It is truly an amazing sight to see, hear, and feel.

See Victoria Falls is the largest waterfall in the world; and due to its dimensions, it produces the biggest curtain of falling water in the world.

Hear The sounds of Victoria Falls are so loud that they can be heard for up to 25 miles (40 km) away!

Feel Victoria Falls produces so much mist and spray that the neighboring forest is the only place on Earth where it rains 24/7—all day, every day!



That is just a quick overview of one of the African continent's most spectacular places. Dig deeper to learn more about Victoria Falls. Use your research to complete one of the following projects:

Pamphlet or Home Page

Create a pamphlet or home page about Victoria Falls. Include the following information:

- ❁ **Statistics:** Give all the details about the falls' height, length, depth, and more.
- ❁ **History:** Explain how Victoria Falls was named. Give the native name for the falls and explain its meaning. Write about the creation of the Victoria Falls Bridge.
- ❁ **Viewing:** Describe what visitors can experience when they visit Victoria Falls. Explain the differences in seeing the falls from either Zambia or Zimbabwe.

Blog

Write a blog as if you had just personally experienced Victoria Falls. Include the following information:

- ❁ Give details about your travel to Victoria Falls. How did you get from your home to the site of the falls?
- ❁ Describe the sights, sounds, smells, and more as you viewed and experienced the falls.
- ❁ Imagine that you experienced Devil's Pool. Give information about what that is, what it was like, and how you felt as you sat so close to the edge.