

Africa Physical Geography Notes

9 types of _____ found in Africa:

1. _____

- Africa's most prominent physical feature
- _____ – a steep slope with a flat plateau on top
- The Great Escarpment marks the edge of the continent's _____ in Southern Africa

2. _____

- Depressions where _____ flow

3. _____

- Africa's rivers contain many _____, _____, and _____.
- Provides _____
- Not useful for _____
- _____ – the world's longest river

4. _____

- Long valleys formed by _____
- The _____ part of Africa is pulling apart from _____

5. _____

- Lake Tanganyika – the longest _____ lake in the world
- Lake Victoria – Africa's _____, 2nd largest fresh water lake

6. _____

- Africa contains mainly _____ mountains
- Mount Kenya and Mount Kilimanjaro – Africa's _____

7. _____

- _____ – the largest desert in the world

8. _____
- _____ covers most of the continent
 - _____ – narrow band of dry grassland that runs along the southern edge of the _____.
 - The Serengeti Plain contains some of the best grasslands in the world and is home to _____

9. _____
- The major rainforests of Africa sit on the _____ and in the _____.

Climate:

Africa is split by the _____ and lies between the _____ and the _____, giving Africa a _____, _____ temperature.

Vegetation:

In deserts, _____ lie deep underground which produces an _____.

In the rainforest, _____ falls throughout the year and can last for up to 6 months.

In the savanna, soil is _____ and prevents growth of trees and many crops, but perfect for grasses.

3 Types of Human-Environment Interaction:

The Process of _____

1. An area receives little _____. The vegetation lives in a fragile state, barely having enough water and food to survive.
2. _____, _____ by livestock and _____ for fuel all contribute to desertification.
3. Dry grasses die and are replaced by tougher plants like shrubs. These plants do not _____ as well as grasses.
4. With less vegetation covering the soil, any rain that falls _____ quickly. Over years, the wind then blows the dry soil into a desert-like state.

The Results of Desertification

1. Less _____, More _____
2. Slowly destroying the _____.

Discovery of _____ Harming the Environment

List 4 events that have occurred because Nigeria is the 6th leading oil exporter in the world.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Building of the Aswan High Dam

Every year from July through October, the Nile River Valley underwent a gradual but massive

_____.

To solve this problem, the _____ was built in 1970.

The dam created an artificial lake behind the dam called _____.

Pros of the Aswan Dam

Cons of the Aswan Dam

