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## Fill in the Blanks

Use your study sheet to find the correct answers. You will need a political map of Africa to complete this assignment.

### THE LAND

The Great R\_\_\_\_\_ Valley in E\_\_\_\_\_ Africa is a huge c\_\_\_\_\_ in the earth's surface where you can find valley w\_\_\_\_\_ more than a m\_\_\_\_\_ high. The Great Rift Valley is one of the many breathtaking features of A\_\_\_\_\_, the world's s\_\_\_\_\_ largest continent after \*A\_\_\_\_\_. Africa is also home to tropical r\_\_\_\_\_, grassy s\_\_\_\_\_, three d\_\_\_\_\_, and the \*N\_\_\_\_\_, one the world's longest r\_\_\_\_\_.

The Nile River begins in the tall m\_\_\_\_\_ of East Africa, the highest of which, Mount K\_\_\_\_\_, is a dormant v\_\_\_\_\_. Kilmanjaro is c\_\_\_\_\_ with s\_\_\_\_\_ throughout the year due to its high \*a\_\_\_\_\_, despite being close to the e\_\_\_\_\_.

If you travel \*u\_r\_v\_r on the \*N\_\_\_\_\_, you might eventually reach one of the mighty river's s\_\_\_\_\_, Lake V\_\_\_\_\_, the world's s\_\_\_\_\_ largest f\_\_\_\_\_ lake. Lake Victoria borders U\_\_\_\_\_, Tanzania and K\_\_\_\_\_.

Deserts comprise more than \_\_\_\_% of Africa. The S\_\_\_\_\_ is the world's l\_\_\_\_\_ desert, covering eleven African nations. Sahara is the A\_\_\_\_\_ word for d\_\_\_\_\_. Even d\_\_\_\_\_ than the Sahara is the N\_\_\_\_\_ Desert of southwest A\_\_\_\_\_. The K\_\_\_\_\_ is a c\_\_\_\_\_, rocky d\_\_\_\_\_ centered in Botswana.

More than s\_\_\_\_\_ inches of rain falls in the l\_\_\_\_\_, tropical r\_\_\_\_\_ of Africa near the e\_\_\_\_\_. The rainforest is home to some of the world's most c\_\_\_\_\_ and important v\_\_\_\_\_. The r\_\_\_\_\_ also absorbs c\_\_\_\_\_ d\_\_\_\_\_, which keeps the earth's t\_\_\_\_\_ from rising.

The rainforests are \*s\_r\_o\_n\_e\_d by the s\_\_\_\_\_, areas with tall g\_a\_s\_s with s\_a\_t\_r\_d trees and b\_s\_es. The savanna is home to large g\_a\_i\_g animals including e\_e\_h\_n\_s, tigers, l\_o\_s, zebras, and g\_r\_f\_es. Savanna land is excellent for g\_\_\_\_\_, the t\_p\_o\_l is too t\_\_\_\_\_ for f\_r\_i\_g.

Between the desert and the savanna is a fragile strip of land known as the S\_\_\_\_\_. Sahel is an A\_\_\_\_\_ word for b\_\_\_\_\_, because it is the border to the d\_\_\_\_\_. The S\_\_\_\_\_ and the K\_\_\_\_\_ Deserts creep one hundred m\_\_\_\_\_ closer to one another every year as the Sahel turns into d\_\_\_\_\_. There are many causes for the s\_r\_n\_i\_g of the S\_\_\_\_\_. Grazing a\_i\_a\_s have d\_s\_r\_y\_d the v\_g\_t\_t\_on. Additionally, the t\_\_\_\_\_ and b\_\_\_\_\_ that have held the thin t\_\_\_\_\_ of the S\_\_\_\_\_ in place have been cut for f\_\_\_\_\_. The t\_p\_o\_l is blown away without the roots of the trees and buses to \*h\_\_\_\_\_ it in place. Africans have recently worked to slow the desertification of the Sahel by restricting grazing and \*p\_a\_t\_ng vegetation.

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THE LAND

1. Why is Mount Tanzania always covered with snow?

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\*2. What do you think caused the Great Rift Valley to form?

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\*3. Why do you think there are many lakes along the Great Rift Valley?

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4. What is unique about each of the three African deserts?

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\*6. What might Palm Beach County, Florida be forced to do if global warming continued?

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\*7. Sahara and Sahel are Arabic words. Why is Arabic used to describe landforms far from the Arabian Peninsula?

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ETHNIC RIVALRIES

1. Why do many Africans identify better with their ethnic groups than with their nations?

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\*2. Why is it necessary for many educated Africans to be multilingual?

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SUDAN

The A\_\_r\_\_c\_\_n nation of S\_\_d\_\_n fought the l\_\_n\_\_e\_\_t civil w\_\_r of the \*t\_\_e\_\_t\_\_e\_\_h century. When the B\_\_i\_\_i\_\_h granted i\_\_d\_\_p\_\_n\_\_e\_\_ce to their former \*c\_\_l\_\_ny in 1956, they gave control to A\_\_\_\_\_ speaking M\_\_s\_\_i\_\_s in n\_\_r\_\_h\_\_rn Sudan. Black C\_\_r\_\_s\_\_i\_\_ns and a\_\_i\_\_i\_\_ts in s\_\_u\_\_h\_\_rn Sudan rebelled. More than t\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ Sudanese died from war, s\_\_a\_\_v\_\_t\_\_on, and d\_\_s\_\_a\_\_e during the period that ended with the s\_\_g\_\_i\_\_g of a p\_\_a\_\_e agreement in 2005.

The Sudanese government has been responsible for great \*b\_\_u\_\_a\_\_i\_\_y. During the c\_\_v\_\_l war, A\_\_n\_\_s\_\_y International charged the S\_\_d\_\_n\_\_se government with a\_\_d\_\_c\_\_i\_\_g women and children and s\_\_l\_\_i\_\_g them into s\_\_a\_\_e\_\_y. The government is backing the J\_\_n\_\_a\_\_e\_\_d rebels in their ongoing assault against the n\_\_m\_\_d\_\_c people of the w\_\_s\_\_ern Sudanese p\_\_o\_\_i\_\_ce of D\_\_\_\_\_.

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3. Why did the government of Sudan often stop international relief agencies from distributing food?

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\*4. Do you believe other nations should send armed forces to nations such as Sudan where there are proven human rights abuses?

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#### AIDS

Acquired I\_m\_n\_ Deficiency S\_n\_r\_me is a v\_r\_s that has claimed 28 m\_l\_i\_n victims. More than 40 million people suffer from AIDS or HIV, with a large or growing number in poor and developing nations. HIV is the d\_s\_a\_e that often leads to AIDS. The AIDS virus w\_a\_e\_s the i\_m\_ne system, allowing other d\_s\_a\_es to s\_r\_ad.

More than \*f\_f\_y percent of people i\_f\_c\_e\_ with the viruses became infected before they reached \_\_\_\_\_. As a result, more than t\_i\_t\_en million c\_i\_d\_en in sub-S\_h\_r\_n Africa have been left orphaned. AIDS has lowered life expectancy in many nations of the region by more than t\_e\_ty years. Fewer than one in one in t\_\_\_\_\_ infected people living \*s\_u\_h of the S\_h\_ra Desert receive t\_e\_a\_y primarily because of \*p\_v\_r\_y and \*s\_a\_e.

Drug companies that \*i\_v\_nt medicines they are allowed to p\_t\_nt their discoveries. Patents legally protect others from \*p\_o\_i\_i\_g from the innovation of others. Patents also encourage people and companies to \*i\_v\_st in research for new discoveries. One drug company is able to p\_o\_u\_e an AIDS medicine for less than a d\_l\_ar a dose, but they charge much more. Drug companies spend millions of dollars developing new drugs, and they have to make a p\_\_\_\_\_ in order to remain in business.

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\*1. What do you think might happen if a government forces a drug company to sell a drug for what it costs to produce?

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\*2. Why do you think generic drugs are less expensive than patented drugs?

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\*3. Should people suffering from AIDS in sub-Saharan African nations be allowed to pay less for a dosage of medicine than poor people living in America? Defend your answer.

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#### THE FOREST PEOPLE

The M\_\_\_\_\_ are \*s\_\_\_\_\_ nomadic people who live in the f\_\_\_\_\_ of c\_n\_r\_l Africa. Outsiders have called them “p\_g\_i\_s,” but many of the forest people consider this term to be o\_f\_n\_i\_e. The forest people have faced d\_s\_r\_m\_n\_t\_on and h\_m\_l\_a\_i\_n. One man was once exhibited in an \*A\_e\_i\_an zoo. The United Nations found evidence that forest people have recently been the victims of cannibals, because some Africans b\_l\_e\_e that e\_t\_ng the f\_e\_h of the forest people gives them m\_g\_c p\_w\_rs.

The \*tr\_\_\_\_\_nal way of life for the forest people is t\_r\_a\_e\_ed as r\_\_\_\_\_ are built through the f\_r\_st. Humanitarian o\_g\_n\_z\_t\_o\_s have tried to teach the f\_r\_st p\_o\_le a more settled lifestyle, but many have no interest in l\_\_\_\_\_ their n\_m\_d\_c lifestyles.

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\*1. What do you think will happen to the forest people in the years to come?

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#### THE BIG MAN

Once the European nations granted \*i\_d\_p\_n\_e\_ce to their former African \*c\_l\_n\_es, thuggish m\_l\_t\_ry rulers came to power. The Big Men r\_p\_e\_s\_d any d\_s\_g\_e\_m\_n\_s within their nations. These generally u\_e\_u\_a\_ed dictators included Jean-Bedel B\_k\_s\_a of the C\_n\_r\_l African R\_p\_b\_ic, Idi A\_\_\_\_\_ of U\_a\_da, Mobuto of C\_\_\_\_\_, and Charles T\_\_\_\_\_ of L\_b\_r\_a.

The Big Men often used the 35-year C\_\_\_\_\_ War struggle between the U\_i\_ed S\_a\_es and the S\_v\_t U\_i\_n to their advantage. Both superpower nations hoped to build military bases in “t\_\_\_\_\_ world” nations in A\_r\_ca, A\_\_\_\_\_, South A\_e\_i\_a, and the C\_r\_i\_b\_an. The United States secretly supported the \*o\_e\_t\_r\_w of Patrice L\_m\_m\_a’s government in C\_n\_o and installed the c\_r\_pt Mobuto in his place.

Democracy is slowly spreading through the A\_r\_c\_n continent. Bloody ethnic fighting recently ended in Sierra Leone and Liberia. Unfortunately, many dictators continue to rule African nations, and ethnic fighting continues in many parts of the continent.

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THE BIG MAN

\*2. Have Africa's "Big Men" generally been good leaders? Defend your answer.

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\*3. What traits do the "Big Men" of Africa have in common?

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\*4. What is the dictionary definition of buffoon?

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\*5. Why is it highly unlikely that a person such as Jean-Bedel Bokassa would ever lead the United States?

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\*6. How did the "superpower" conflict between the United States and the Soviet Union help put some of the Big Men in power?

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\*7. Why do you think Mobutu quietly left his nation instead of mounting a vigorous attack on rebel forces?

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\*7. Why do many people believe that Robert Mugabe's 28-year old government is no longer popular in Zimbabwe?

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#### THE NATIONS OF AFRICA

1. List Africa's ten most populated nations in descending order. Descending order means you list the most populated nation first. Remember that the estimates presented in the table are rounded off.

1.	138 million	6	40 million
2.	82 million	7	40 million
3.	78 million	8	38 million
4.	67 million	9	34 million
5.	44 million	10	33 million

2. List Africa's ten largest nations in descending order.

1.	967,495 square miles	5	495,753 square miles
2.	919,591 square miles	6	489,189 square miles
3.	905,564 square miles	7	481,352 square miles
4.	679,359 square miles	8	478,765 square miles

3. List Africa's ten most crowded nations in descending order.

1.	1002 people per square mile	4	556 people per square mile
2.	873 people per square mile	5	398 people per square mile
3.	809 people per square mile	6	398 people per square mile

4. List the four African nations where less than ten people per square mile live.

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\*5. What do the least crowded nations of Africa have in common?

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\*6. In descending order, list Africa's three richest and three poorest nations. Write a complete sentence that describes what factors you included when defining wealth and poverty.

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7. List the seven African nations where the typical person is not expected to live to their forty-second birthday.

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**THE NATIONS OF AFRICA**

\*8. What factors do you think lead to such a short lifespan in the nations listed in the problem above?

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\*9. Write a complete sentence that compares male and female literacy in Africa.

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\*10. What is the relationship between the fertility rate of a nation and the female literacy rate?

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11. List the six African nations where more than twenty percent of the adults are suffering from AIDS.

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12. How does the median age for most African nations compare with the United States?

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\*13. Based on what you've learned from the study guide, what nation would you most want to live in? Support your reasoning with at least two facts from the study sheet.

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\*14. Based on what you've learned from the study guide, what nation would you least want to live in? Support your reasoning with at least two facts from the study sheet.

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