

Chapter 5, Africa (pp. 115-140)

Key Terms:

Suez Canal: A waterway in Egypt that connects the Mediterranean to the Red Sea. It opened in the late 1800s and allowed for more direct shipping routes between the North Atlantic and Indian Oceans.



from World Maps

Ottoman Empire: This empire lasted from the 1300s to the early 1900s and at its peak controlled territory in Europe, Northern Africa, and the Middle East. The modern country of Turkey is now where its center used to be.

Blue Water Navy: A navy that has enough power and equipment to fight far from home.

Caliphate: A government led by an Islamic religious leader, the caliph. The caliph has absolute authority because he is seen as a successor to the Islamic prophet Muhammad.

Questions to Answer:

117. Include two comparisons that help describe the true size of Africa (rather than how it appears to us on most maps).

118-119. How has Africa's climate contributed to health challenges for the people that live there?

119-120. How has Africa's geography contributed to economic and trade challenges for the people that live there?

121. What was different about the way the Arabs and Europeans practiced slavery as opposed to how it had existed on the continent before their involvement?

121-122. How did Europeans create the map of Africa in the 1800s? How does this continue to cause problems for the people who live there now?

123-125. Considering the DRC as an example, what has its geography, as well as its colonial history, led to? What has been happening there since the late 1900s?



from Operation World

127. How have African leaders often been a factor in the problems that trouble African nations?

127. How are Africa's rivers an economic asset?

128-129. Why might Egypt and Ethiopia come into conflict in the near future?

129-130. What is the source of Nigeria's economic strength? What factors weaken that strength?

132-133. What countries played a role in Angola's Civil Wars in the 1960s and 1970s and what were their motivations for getting involved?

133-135. What does China want to get from Africa? What kinds of projects are they undertaking that will help them get what they want?

135-136. Why might African countries prefer to do business with the Chinese rather than with Western governments?

Map of SADC countries



from sadc review

136-137. How has South Africa's geography fostered its success and development?

East African Community Map



139-140. How is modern technology allowing modern Africa to overcome some of its geographic disadvantages?

Questions to Ask:

What would you like to discuss in class from this chapter? Write 3 questions. These might be about things you didn't understand or about ideas which interested you.

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