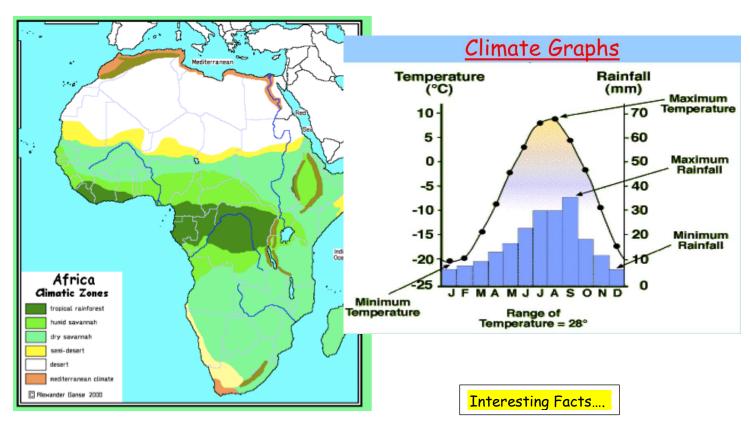
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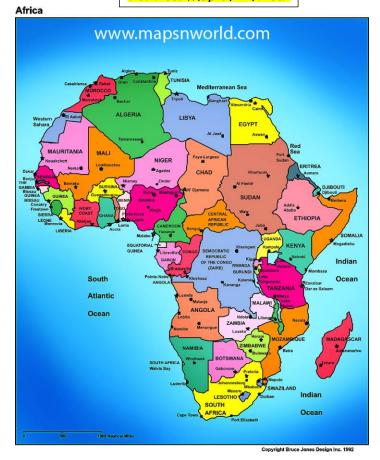
Key Term	Meaning
Africa	The world's second largest and second most-populous continent,
Desert	A region so arid because of little rainfall that it supports only sparse and widely
	spaced vegetation or no vegetation at all:
Rainforest	A thick forest of tall trees which is found in tropical areas where there is a lot
	of rain
Climate	The average weather in a place over many years.
Range	The difference between the lowest number and the highest number.
High pressure	A mass of cool, dry air that generally brings fair weather and light winds
Low pressure	A mass of warm, moist air that generally brings stormy weather with strong winds
Tropics	The parallel of latitude 23°26′ north (tropic of Cancer) or south (tropic of
	Capricorn) of the equator.
Adaptation	The process of change by which an organism or species becomes better suited to
	its environment.
Landlocked	A country or region almost or entirely surrounded by land.
Relief rainfall	Relief rain occurs when warm, moist air ascends along the slope of a mountain.
	The air then condenses, and rainfall occurs on the windward side.
Precipitation	Rain, snow, sleet, or hail that falls to or condenses on the ground.



Africa has eight major physical regions: the Sahara, the Sahel, the Ethiopian Highlands, the savanna, the Swahili Coast, the rain forest, the African Great Lakes, and Southern Africa. Some of these regions cover large bands of the continent, such as the Sahara and Sahel, while others are isolated areas, such as the Ethiopian Highlands and the Great Lakes. Each of these regions has unique animal and plant communities.

With both the Prime Meridian and the Equator slicing through the continent, Africa can lay claim to being located in the Western, Eastern, Northern, and Southern Hemispheres. Furthermore, Africa is the only continent to extend from the northern temperate zone to the southern temperate zone.

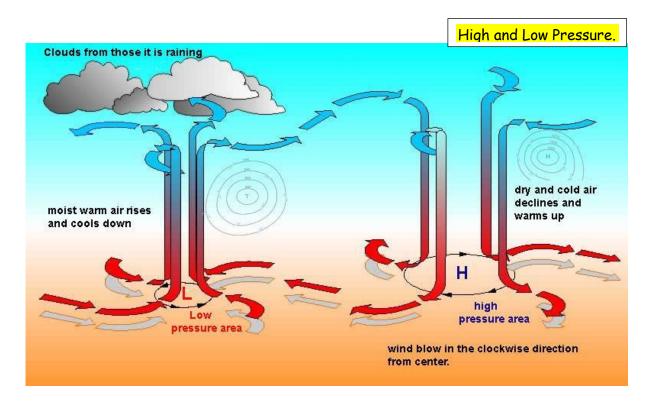
Political Map of Africa



Africa is home to over 1 billion people who speak over 1,500 different languages. One in every four of the world's language are spoken only in Africa.

Africa's total size is roughly 11.7 square miles, representing about a fifth of the earth's total landmass. This makes it larger than India, China, Mexica, and USA's and a huge chunk of Europe combined.

World civilization began in Africa. The Pharaonic civilization of ancient Egypt is the oldest literate civilization. According to historical records, the Egyptian state dates back to about 3300 B.C.



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