

Year 4 General Studies

Geography of Africa

Africa, the second-largest continent, is bounded by the Mediterranean Sea, the Red Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Atlantic Ocean. It is divided in half almost equally by the Equator.

Where does the water flow?

There are seven major rivers in Africa. These rivers propagate life, and yes, spark civilisation. Without these rivers, millions of African animals have no source of survival.

So, what are the seven major rivers in Africa?

The Nile, Congo, Niger, Zambezi, Senegal, Limpopo, and Orange are the seven rivers in Africa. They are heavily distributed in the entire continent. Each one of them has a corresponding character and impact on Africa.

Touching the ceiling!

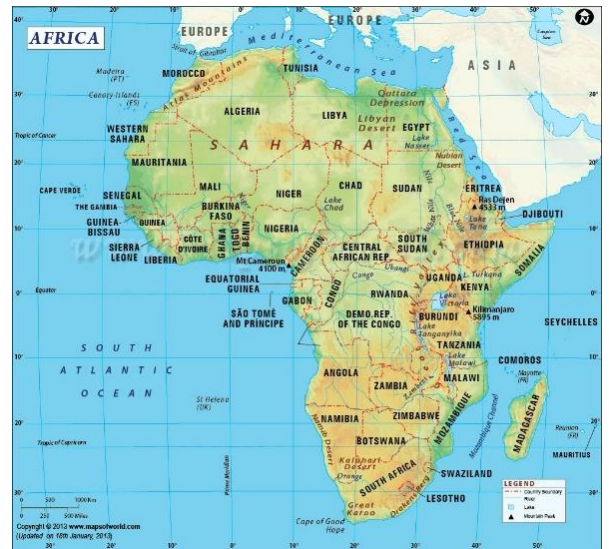
It's a well-known fact that Mount Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa... but what about Africa's other large mountains?

There are dozens of mountain ranges in Africa, from the Atlas Mountains in Morocco to the Drakensberg Mountains in South Africa. Africa also has some of the oldest mountains anywhere – the Barberton Greenstone Belt in South Africa is believed to be the oldest mountain range in the world, dating back around 3.6 billion years.

How much of Africa is desert?

Over one-third of the African continent is covered by desert. From the Mediterranean to South Africa and the Indian to the Atlantic oceans. The deserts in Africa are home to some of the most extreme landscapes and stark conditions on Earth, as well as some of the most beautiful.

Whilst there is seemingly plenty of nothing in African deserts, they offer a unique environmental and cultural history dating back millions of years, and in places are home to excellent wildlife viewing opportunities.



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Questions

1. Which oceans encompass the continent of Africa?

2. Which of these mountain ranges is the oldest? (Circle the answer)

- Mount Kilimanjaro

- Atlas Mountains

- Barberton Greenstone Belt

3. Africa is divided in half almost equally by the Equator.

True / False

4. 'Whilst there is seemingly plenty of nothing in African deserts' What does the author mean by this statement?

5. Why are major rivers in Africa so important?

6. Name an African country that is in both the Northern and Southern hemispheres?

7. How much of the African continent is covered by desert?
