

## Chap 1 Africa-Physical Geography Study Guide

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Matching-** *Fill in the blank by writing the letter of the correct term below.*

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| a. cash crop | f. irrigate  |
| b. diversify | g. plateau   |
| c. economy   | h. savanna   |
| d. elevation | i. tributary |
| e. fertile   |              |

- \_\_\_\_ 1. A larger river can be fed by a(n) \_\_\_\_\_, which is a small river or stream that flows into it.
- \_\_\_\_ 2. Many plants can be grown in soil that is \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_ 3. A large, raised area of mostly level land is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_ 4. Sometimes farmers must \_\_\_\_\_, or artificially water their crops.
- \_\_\_\_ 5. Many African countries want to \_\_\_\_\_, or add variety to, their economies.

*Match each item with the correct statement below.*

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|--------------|--------------|
| a. cash crop | f. plateau   |
| b. diversify | g. rift      |
| c. elevation | h. savanna   |
| d. nomad     | i. tributary |
| e. oasis     |              |

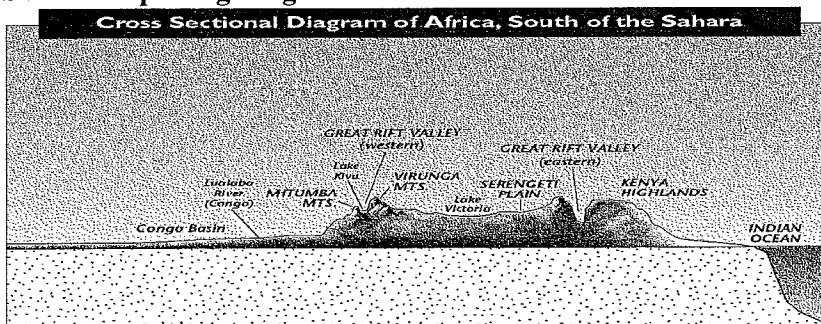
- \_\_\_\_ 6. a region of tall grasses with scattered trees
- \_\_\_\_ 7. a person who moves from place to place to make a living
- \_\_\_\_ 8. add variety to an economy
- \_\_\_\_ 9. a deep crack in Earth's surface

### Short Answer

10. How do many nomads make their living in the Sahara?
11. Africa's location near the Equator, its elevation, and its relationship to large bodies of water and landforms affect what about Africa?
12. Unlike farmers who raise cash crops, subsistence farmers raise crops for what purpose?
13. What are Africa's most important natural resources?
14. What is the landform that extends across most of North Africa?

15. What area of land supports tall grasses, thorny bushes, and scattered trees?
16. What are the four geographic regions of Africa?
17. The Nile, the Congo, the Zambezi, and the Niger are the names of major what?
18. Why is it impossible for ships to sail from Africa's interior to the sea?
19. Why are African countries diversifying their economies?
20. Because much of Africa is between the Tropic of Cancer and the Tropic of Capricorn, most of the country is located in a \_\_\_\_\_ climate.
21. How do producing a variety of crops, raw materials, and manufactured goods affect African countries?
22. Because the land area of much of Africa is high, the continent is often called what?
23. What is the majority of Africa's farmland used for?
24. Most of Africa's workers are employed in type of work?

**Skill: Interpreting Diagrams**



25. What is shown on this diagram?
26. What major body of water is shown on the diagram?
27. What are two landforms indicated on the diagram?
28. Is the Great Rift Valley higher or lower in elevation than the surrounding land?

## **Africa – Chapter 1 Essays**

- 1.) What are the three factors that affect climate in Africa and explain/give examples for each one. (4-5 sentences)
- 2.) What are each of the four regions of Africa and give AT LEAST THREE details/facts for each of the regions. (5-6 sentences)