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Africa's Geography

General Information

- Located mostly in the Eastern Hemisphere.
- The Equator runs through it.
- Made up of 54 individual nations.
- 3 times the size of the United States.

Basic Facts Video:

1. Africa is the 2nd largest continent.
2. Home to over 1 billion people.
3. Bordered by the Indian and Atlantic oceans.
4. Mediterranean sea separates it from Europe and the Red Sea separates it from the Middle East/Asia.
5. Arab people make up the Northern 1/3 of the population and Black Africans make up the Southern 2/3.

Landforms

- Africa is one large Plateau.
- Mountains- Highest Mt. Kilimanjaro
- Great Rift Valley- Fault in the Earth's crust.
- Rainforest
- Savanna- large grassland
- Sahara- largest Desert

Rivers

- Nile- Longest in the World (4,160 miles)
- Nile flows into the Mediterranean.
- Other important rivers: Congo, Niger, Zambezi

Geographic Features Video:

1. The Sahara Desert is the most dominant physical feature.
2. Most of Africa is a great rolling Plateau.
3. Highest peaks are Mt. Kenya and Kilimanjaro.
4. The Great Rift Valley is where the Earth is pulling itself into two parts.
5. Contains the largest lakes- Name one: Victoria, Nyasa or Tanganyika.

Climate

- Mostly tropical- warm year round.
- Northern Climate mirrors the southern because the equator crosses it.

Natural Resources

- Precious metals & Diamonds
- Some Oil in Northern Africa