

African Nations Overview Notes

Location:

- **Oceans:**

- The Atlantic ocean is located _____
- The Indian Ocean is located _____
- Mixing of the Atlantic and Indian Oceans occurs _____
- The Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea are located _____
- What is another body of water on the map that we didn't discuss?

- **Position on Earth:**

- The _____ (0° latitude) splits the continent in half (north and south)
- The _____ (0° longitude) splits the continent into west and east
- Which island is located where the Equator and Prime Meridian cross?

Size:

- **HUUUUUGE:**

- _____ continent (after Asia)
- Covers about _____ surface of the Earth!
- Name 5 countries that can fit within the borders of Africa (*look at the picture*)



- **Land Area:**

- _____ (USA is only 3,809,000 square miles)
- About _____ from north to south
- About _____ from west to east

- **Many Islands:**

- _____ sits off the southeast coast
 - Why is it so special? _____
- Smaller islands scattered around the coast

Name:

- **Why is it called "Africa?"**

- _____ called the land "Africa"
- The name comes from the Latin word *aprica*, meaning "_____"

- **Northern Coast**

- The name “Africa” was mostly applied to the _____ of the continent
- It was considered an _____ at the time

- **“Afriga”**

- Romans controlled the _____ for a long period
- The called the area south of their settlements “_____”

- Looking at the map, what other areas did the Roman Empire control? (*you will learn more about them later this year*) _____

Geography:

- **One Big Plateau**

- Africa is considered as one _____
- It rises steeply from _____ and consists of _____

- **Northwestern Section:**

- _____ → largest desert in the world
 - _____ east to west
- _____ → extends into southern Europe
- _____ → located within the Sahara Desert

- **Southeastern Section:**

- _____ → highlands and valleys covering Ethiopia
- _____ → covers many countries in Africa
 - Many spots reach 8,000 feet above sea level
- _____ → where the plateau edge falls sharply downward

- **Enormous Wealth:**

- Africa contains HUGE amounts of sought after _____
- This includes the world’s largest reserves of _____
 - Coal, oil, natural gas
- This also includes _____ (gold and more), _____ (diamonds), and more valuables.

- Looking at the map, what is another geographical feature that we didn’t discuss?
