Africa: Chapters 24, 26 and 27

World Geography

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Instructions: Read chapters 24, 26 and 27 and answer the following questions.

Chapter 24:

- 1. What was the area of the Sahara like thousands of years ago?
- 2. Define Sahel-
- 3. How did Africans participate in the slave trade?
- 4. List 2 positive and 2 negative effects of European colonial rule in Africa.
- 5. List at least 3 problems most African countries faced after winning independence from European rule:
- 6. Describe the Great Rift Valley:
- 7. How many languages are spoken in Sub-Saharan Africa?
- 8. Skills Check: Use the map on page 514 to answer the following: In 1914, what were the only places in Africa NOT colonized by European countries?

Chapter 26:

- 9. How did the kingdom of Ghana develop?
- 10. Describe at least 2 achievements of the Mali civilization.
- 11. Define: deforestationdesertification-
- 12. What human activities have contributed to desertification?
- 13. Define landlocked-
- 14. Look at a current map of Africa. How many *landlocked* countries are there? (be careful)
- 15. Define coups-
- 16. How have African women traditionally contributed to the economy?
- 17. Define ancestor worship-

18. How was Mobutu Sese Seko typical of leaders who ruled African countries after independence?

Chapter 27:

- 19. Why have some African nations like Kenya been unable to grow enough food?
- 20. Why does the Horn of Africa have strategic value?
- 21. Define ethnocracy-
- 22. What did (and in many cases do) the white minority control in South Africa?
- 23. What was a "homeland" in South Africa? Why did the white minority create homelands?
- 24. Define: apartheidsegregated-
- 25. Who were F.W. de Klerk and Nelson Mandella?

Why did they win the Nobel Peace Prize?

- 26. How did both Angola and Mozambique react after the Portuguese left in 1975?
- 27. Define infrastructure-

Now that you have read about Africa summarize some of the problems facing many African countries by completing the following chart of cause and effect:

Causes	Problems	Effects
	1. Even though the most	
	common job is farming, many	
	people in Africa suffer from malnutrition and starvation.	
	2. Many nations in Africa depend	
	on exporting raw materials or	
	cash crops.	
	3. Many nations in Africa have	
	large foreign debts.	
	4. Life expectancy is the lowest	
	of any continent.	
	5. Wars are conflicts among	
	ethnic groups are common.	
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