**Unit 3 Africa: Study Guide**

**Instructions: Complete the study guide as you prepare for the Unit 3 Test. \*\*\*ANSWER ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER\*\*\***

1. What is the significance of Lake Victoria? Where is it located?
2. What is unique about the Nile River (compared with other rivers)? Why is the river important to the people?
3. What is the significance of Lake Tanganyika? Where is it located?
4. What is significance about Mount Kilimanjaro? Where is it located?
5. What is a Rift Valley? What causes a rift valley to form? Where are rift valleys located (mainly) throughout Africa?
6. Why does the rainforest of central Africa receive the greatest amount of rainfall?
7. Explain how distance to the equator and distance to the desert impacts rainfall amounts in Africa.
8. Why the Aswan High Dam was built (its purpose)? When was the dam built and where? What are the problems with the Aswan High Dam
9. Where is the Sahel located? What is the Sahel’s connection with desertification?
10. Describe the Serengeti Plain and where it is located. Why is this area perfect for growing grass?
11. Where is the Sahara Desert located within Africa? What climate zone is reflected in this area?
12. Explain the process of Desertification.
13. How has desertification and drought impacted rural farmers throughout Africa?
14. Why it African referred to as the “Plateau Continent”?
15. What is an escarpment?
16. Define the term: Stateless society
17. Detail the Colonization of Africa (Scramble for Africa). What was the European rationale for colonizing Africa? Which European countries occupied the greatest amount of land/area in Africa during colonization?
18. Provide an example of an ethnic conflict that has resulted due to the scramble for Africa (explain the conflict as well).
19. Identify the Berlin Conference. When did it occur? Who was involved? What was the outcome?
20. Based on the movie, *Hotel* Rwanda, detail the conflict that resulted in the Rwandan Genocide (include the differences in the ethnic groups involved in the conflict (Hutu vs. Tutsi); what a genocide means; the approximate numbers of genocide victims).
21. Identify Apartheid and the region of Africa where it was most prevalent (where it occurred/existed).
22. Identify Nelson Mandela; what was his role in South Africa and regarding apartheid?
23. Identify F.W. de Klerk; what was his role in South Africa and regarding apartheid?
24. Describe the Ashanti. What is unique about this ethnic group? What region of Africa is associated with the Ashanti?
25. Describe the Masai. What is unique about this ethnic group? What region of Africa is associated with the Masai?
26. Describe the Zulu. What is unique about this ethnic group? What region of Africa is associated with the Zulu? What factors forced the Zulu to migrate?
27. What factors led to the Bantu Migration? How did this migration affect Bantu culture and language?
28. What is the significance of Swahili?
29. Define Cash crops. Provide examples of the cash crops Africa relies on. What is the danger in relying on a single commodity within Africa?
30. What percent of oil does Africa produce? Which counties are the greatest producers/exporters?
31. Explain the importance of agriculture within Africa.
32. What goods did the West African kingdoms of Ghana, Mali, and Songhai trade? Which item was found in the region (the Sahara) and which item did Arab traders exchange for this good?
33. Describe the three parts comprising Trans-Atlantic Trade. What did each region exchange as a part of the process (know the region/continent and the good(s) exchanged)
34. Define Famine. Why is famine an issue throughout Africa (what connections can be made to the natural resources, the economy, and European colonization)?
35. Explain the impact HIV/AIDS is having in Africa.
36. Who are Child soldiers? Why are children used in this manner?
37. Which two African countries were never colonized by Europeans?
38. How was Emperor Menelik II able to keep Ethiopia independent (or safe from) of European rule?
39. How did the boundaries drawn by Europeans cause **ethnic conflict?**
40. Who benefitted during colonization? **Give examples.**
41. \*\*\*Make sure to review your HOT TERMS in preparation for the test\*\*\*