

Geography:

Locations you are responsible for knowing:

Africa - Sahara, - Sahel, - savanna, - tropical rain forest, - Congo River, - Niger River, - Nile River, - Lake Tanganyika, - Lake Victoria, - Atlas Mountains - Kalahari Desert. - Democratic Republic of the Congo (Zaire), - Egypt, - Kenya, - Nigeria, - South Africa - Sudan	Middle East (Southwest Asia) - Euphrates River - Jordan River - Tigris River - Suez Canal - Persian Gulf - Strait of Hormuz - Arabian Sea - Red Sea - Gaza Strip. - Afghanistan - Iran - Iraq - Israel - Saudi Arabia - Turkey	South and East Asia - Ganges River, - Huang He (Yellow River), - Indus River, Mekong River, - Yangtze (Chang Jiang) River, - Bay of Bengal, - Indian Ocean, - Sea of Japan, - South China Sea, - Yellow Sea, - Gobi Desert , - Taklimakan Desert, - Himalayan Mountains - Korean Peninsula. - China - India - Indonesia - Japan - North Korea - South Korea - Vietnam
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Environmental Problems in Africa:

- Africa:
 - Has a lack of safe drinking water as a result of natural waste not industrial waste.
 - North Africa has limited access to water which has effected their economic growth.
 - Deforestation is a major problem in Africa and causes poor soil quality.
 - Soil as a result of Deforestation is not useable for agriculture.
 - Desertification is another major problem in Africa as a result of mismanagement of the land- overgrazing etc.
 - 1/3 of Africa is now desert
 - Desertification leads to death and lack of food. (famine)
- Southwest Asia:
 - Southwest Asia has a lack of water.
 - Major environmental problems are the unequal distribution of the water. For example, Turkey built a dam on the Euphrates which did not allow Iraq or Syria to receive any water
 - Water and who gets access to the water is a major problem in Southwest Asia.
 - Water in Southwest Asia is also usually polluted with oil and other pollutants.
 - OPEC- Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Controls the price and supply of oil.
- East Asia
 - Yangtze River in China is polluted by industrial waste from factories etc.
 - Ganges River in India, which is the holy river for the Hindus, is also extremely polluted with industrial waste, but also has sewage and ashes of cremated bodies of the dead found in it as a result of religious ceremonies.
 - Flooding is another major problem along the Yangtze River and the Ganges River which results in the death of many each year as well as destruction of crops needed for food.
 - Air Pollution is a major problem in Asia because of the industry. It has become so severe, that people are dying and it has been named the Asian Brown Cloud. (Remember the Olympic banning of cars)

Geographic Basics to understand:

- People live where there is water!
- Water= Food= people
- People must live in climates where they can have natural resources, food etc. Therefore if a desert or mountain is in a country, the population density will be low.
- In Southwest Asia, people live where the oil or water is located!
- In Africa, most people live in the Savanna.
- The Sahel in Africa is the area in Africa which is becoming a desert as a result of desertification.
- Literacy Rate- the rate of people in a country that can read
- Standard of Living- how well a society lives (quality of life)
- If you have a high literacy rate, than you have a high standard of living. If you have a low literacy rate, you have a low standard of living.