

Country and Map: Africa

Geography: south of Europe, east of Asia. Surrounded by the Atlantic Ocean on the west and Indian Ocean on the east, Med. Sea on the north and Red Sea on the northeast. There are 53 countries including Egypt. It is the second largest continent. Mostly in the Southern Hemisphere. The equator and prime meridian run through Africa. The Nile River which was used as a natural resource in the ancient times, is the longest river in Africa. It still provides transportation routes and irrigation for farming.

Climate/weather: Due to the location in relation to the equator, northern Africa maintains a very warm temp. all year. Southern Af, includes seasons.

Land Types: There are dry hot lands but also rainforests. Grasslands and mountains also exist in Africa. The Sahara Desert is the largest hot desert in the world. The Kalahari Desert is also located in Africa. The tallest pt. In Africa Is Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania.

Animals: There are many animals in Africa and they have had to adapt to their environments. Camels in the desert retain water so they don't get thirsty. In the grasslands there are elephants, giraffes, ostrich and rhinos that have different survival tactics. The cheetahs and lions are predators.

Now we will discuss ancient Egypt:

Government: ruled by the Pharaoh. Laws were passed down by pharaohs.

Economics: farmers and they traded on the Nile River, **scribes that used hieroglyphics to record events**

Inventions: paper made from papyrus and 365 day calendar **based on the sun (position of sun to earth)**. Clock

Culture: mummification and pyramids used as tombs

Architecture: Pyramids: there is a theory that ancient Egyptians used simple machines such as the pulley, lever, wheel and axel to move to heavy blocks of the pyramids into place. Sphinx