

Take-Home Activity Packet:

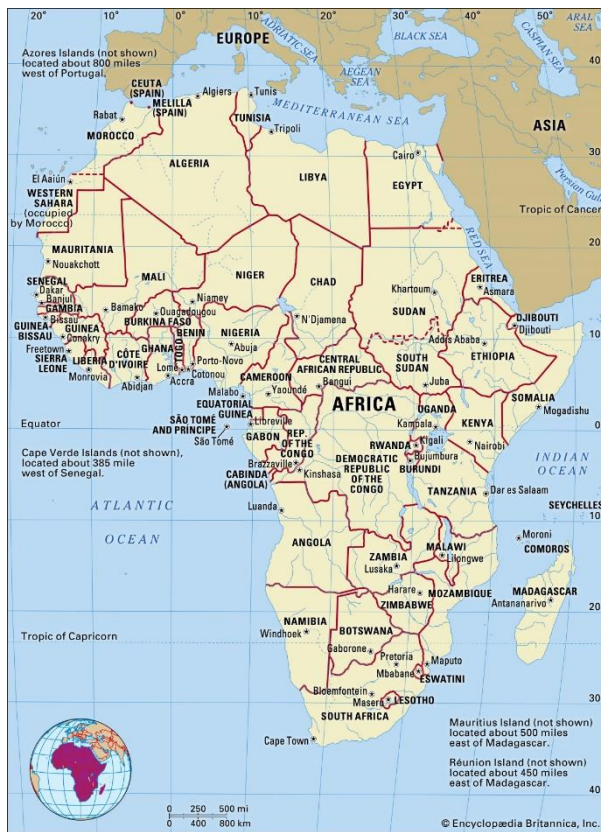
Middle School Edition



**Week of
June 1st – June 5th**

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT AFRICA

Africa is the second largest continent (after Asia), covering about one-fifth of the total land surface of Earth. The continent is bounded on the west by the Atlantic Ocean, on the north by the Mediterranean Sea, on the east by the Red Sea and the Indian Ocean, and on the south by the mingling waters of the Atlantic and Indian oceans.



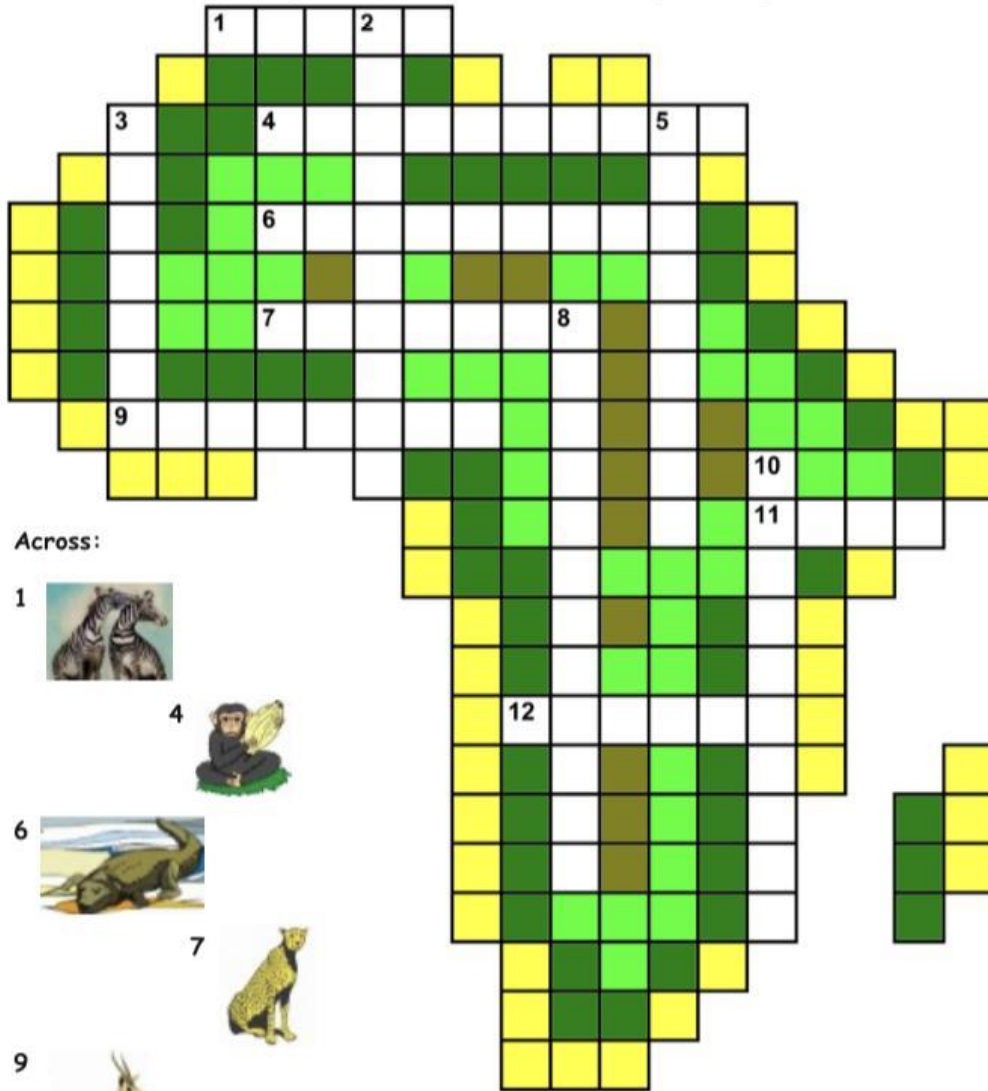
Africa's total land area is approximately 11,724,000 square miles (30,365,000 square km), and the continent measures about 5,000 miles (8,000 km) from north to south and about 4,600 miles (7,400 km) from east to west. Its northern extremity is Al-Ghīrān Point, near Al-Abyaḍ Point (Cape Blanc), Tunisia; its southern extremity is Cape Agulhas, South Africa; its farthest point east is Xaafuun (Hafun) Point, near Cape Gwardafuy (Guardafui), Somalia; and its western extremity is Almadi Point (Pointe des Almadies), on Cape Verde (Cap Vert), Senegal. In the northeast, Africa was joined to Asia by the Sinai Peninsula until the construction of the Suez Canal. Paradoxically, the coastline of Africa—18,950 miles (30,500 km) in length—is shorter than that of Europe, because there are few inlets and few large bays or gulfs.

Off the coasts of Africa a number of islands are associated with the continent. Of these Madagascar, one of the largest islands in the world, is the most significant. Other, smaller islands include the Seychelles, Socotra, and other islands to the east; the Comoros, Mauritius, Réunion, and other islands to the southeast; Ascension, St. Helena, and Tristan da Cunha to the southwest; Cape Verde, the Bijagós Islands, Bioko, and São Tomé and Príncipe to the west; and the Azores and the Madeira and Canary Islands to the northwest.

Source: <https://www.britannica.com>

AFRICAN ANIMAL CROSSWORD

AFRICA CROSSWORD



Across:

1



4



6



7



9



11



12



Down:

2



3



5



8



10



KENTE CLOTH ACTIVITY



Students will learn the history of Ghanaian Kente Cloths. Students will practice using geometric shapes to design their own Kente Cloth strips.

What You Need:

- 18 x 4 inch strips of good quality construction paper
- pencils
- rulers
- red, green, blue, black and yellow markers
- Scissors

Lesson:

What: Kente Cloths are strips of fabric woven by hand in the colors that represent Africa.

Red – Life and Blood

Blue – Innocence

Green -Mother Africa, Mother Earth

Black – People and Unity

Gold – Strength and Fortune

Strips are sewn together to make cloth, always woven from cotton threads.

When: Celebrations (Weddings, Births, Graduations, Ceremonies to bring in new leaders); Whenever you want to respectfully show your African heritage.

Why: To symbolize African culture

Where: Most examples from Ghana, worn in Africa, America, and wherever people show African heritage.

Please see this instructional video with a detailed demonstration of the weaving technique.

<https://youtu.be/ZvLExidwNPY>

AFRICAN ACROSTIC POEM

An acrostic poem is one where you choose a word or name and use each letter in the name as the beginning of a word or line that tells something about that person or topic.

Example: An acrostic poem using the word "Sun."

Sometimes when we go to the beach, I will get sun burn.

Usually if I put Sun block on my skin, I will not burn.

Noon is when I'm really prone to burning.

Write an Acrostic Poem using the word below:

A _____

F _____

R _____

I _____

C _____

A _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Multiple Choice Questions - People

Circle the correct answer.

1. Africa
 - a. Has more countries than any other continent
 - b. Has over 2,000 languages
 - c. Is the poorest area of the world
 - d. All of the above

2. North African people
 - a. Are culturally similar to people around the Mediterranean Sea
 - b. Speak 2,000 languages
 - c. Are of European descent
 - d. All of the above

3. The culture of Africa is influenced by
 - a. Climate
 - b. Many tribes
 - c. Both a. and b.
 - d. None of the above

4. People who live in rural African villages
 - a. Don't have electricity
 - b. Don't have clean water
 - c. Don't have good roads
 - d. All of the above

5. Countries in Africa that were European colonies received their independence in the
 - a. 1700s like the United States
 - b. 1800s
 - c. 1900s
 - d. None of the above

6. Which of the following countries are in Africa?
 - a. Egypt
 - b. Nigeria
 - c. Eritrea
 - d. All of the above

AFRICAN ROCK ART ACTIVITY

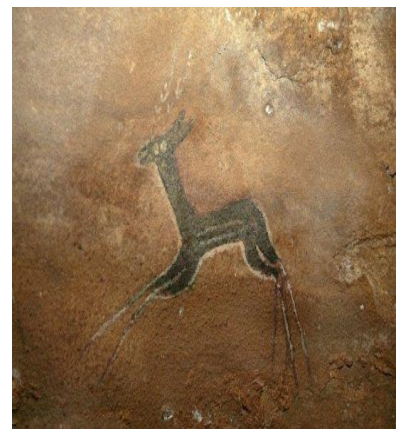
Rock art has been practiced for tens of thousands of years and the techniques by which the paintings and engravings are created, while varied, conform to basic principles related to resources and technology. An equally important factor is where the image is placed. Not every rock surface is appropriate to inscribe, some may need preparing beforehand. While much research focus is generally given over to subject



matter, dating and meaning in rock art studies, consideration of the techniques of production can provide some insightful observations into the methodologies by which images are created. Technically speaking, images can be broadly classified into two main groups: petroglyphs and pictographs. Petroglyphs are engraved or carved depictions on a rock surface; pictographs are painted images on a rock surface.

Materials:

- A piece of coarse sandpaper (we used a 4inch x 6inch (ish) piece, but you could use whatever size you like)
- Crayola crayons (just your ordinary crayons).



Optional: Instead of sand paper, you could draw on a large rock instead... I personally prefer the sand paper.

Instructions:

Draw an African scene on the sandpaper with crayons
Don't worry if the images are very basic. That's what cave drawings look like.

Press hard on the crayons.

BLANK AFRICA MAP

Take a look back into the packet to see if you can find the map that will help you fill in the blank countries



AFRICAN CRYPTOGRAM

Directions: Using the decoding key to determine the Africa related vocabulary word for each word below.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
I	N	F	Q	S	B	Z	K	Y	A	R	O	L	U	E	V	G	W	C	P	T	J	H	X	D	M

1. ZWICCOIUQC _____
2. QWETZKP _____
3. QSCSWPYBYFIPYEU _____
4. BILYUS _____
5. KYJ _____
6. VEJSWPD _____
7. CIJIUUIK _____
8. FEWWTVP _____
9. IYQC _____
10. WSBTZSS _____
11. SVYQSLYF _____
12. LIOUTPWYPYEU _____

Answers for multiple choice questions

1. D
2. D
3. C
4. D
5. C
6. D

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