**Africa 5 - Physical Geography of Africa South of the Sahara**

* Africa South of the Sahara
  + \_\_\_\_\_times bigger than the United States
* Madagascar
  + Largest island off mainland.
* Plateaus
  + Most of the land consists of high plateaus.
* Escarpments
  + Steep, jagged cliffs.
  + Create waterfalls on many African rivers.
* The Congo Basin
  + Largest lowland
* Ethiopian Highlands
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_: Highest Mountain in Africa
  + Mt. Kenya
  + Located in East Africa
* Drakensberg Range
  + Southern Africa
  + Barrier of Pointed Spears
* The Great Rift Valley
  + Natural wonder of East Africa.
  + Formed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Waterways
  + Lake Tanganyika
    - Longest freshwater lake in the world.
  + Lake Victoria
    - Africa’s largest lake.
    - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ largest freshwater lake in the world.
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
    - Changes size every year.
    - From 10,000-3,800 square miles.
* Rivers
  + Escarpments prevent use for shipping.
* Congo River
  + More than 30 waterfalls on it.
  + Found in Congo Basin
* Zambezi River
  + Forms Victoria Falls.

Resources - This region has many resources.

* + Oil
    - Principal export in many coastal countries.
  + Natural Gas
    - Found in Central Africa
  + Coal
    - Found in Nigeria and DRC.
  + Hydroelectric
    - Result of the many fast rivers.
  + Iron Ore
    - Large deposits in Zimbabwe.
  + Uranium
    - Used to make nuclear weapons
  + South Africa
    - Half of the world’s gold and diamonds here.
* Section 2 – Climate Regions
  + Mainly found in tropics.
  + Receives year-round direct sunlight
* Rainforests
  + Dense stands of trees found along the Equator.
* Ecotourism
  + Preserves rainforests and boosts economies.
* Savanna
  + Grasslands with scattered woods.
  + Elephants, lions, giraffes found here.
* Steppe
  + Rainfall is scarce.
  + Clearing trees leads to desertification.
* The Kalarahi Desert
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desert in Southern Africa
* The Namib Desert
  + \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ desert along southwestern coast.
* Southwestern Africa
  + Mediterranean Climate