**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