



Mount Kilimanjaro

At 19,340 feet, Mt. Kilimanjaro is the highest mountain in Africa. However, over a hundred peaks in three other continents are higher than Kilimanjaro. Mt. Kilimanjaro is an extinct volcano located on the edge of the Great Rift Valley. It is a few hundred miles south of the Equator in northern Tanzania. Its fertile lower slopes are among the most intensively cultivated farmland on the continent. Coffee and plantains are among the crops grown there. Snow-capped all year, Mt. Kilimanjaro is a favorite destination for mountain climbers who provide Tanzania with much-needed income from tourism.

ART: Question 1

What in the picture shows you that Mt. Kilimanjaro is in Africa, not in North or South America or Europe?

Question 2

How does Mt. Kilimanjaro compare in elevation with mountains on other continents?

Question 3

Why is Mt. Kilimanjaro of economic importance to Tanzania?