

African Regions Answer Key

1. It is extremely dry and stretches across thousands of miles.
2. The Sahel has grasslands and short rainy seasons instead of being extremely dry.
3. Central Africa has thick rainforests with tall trees and many animal species.
4. Eastern Africa is known for its highlands and savannas.
5. Southern Africa has major cities that serve as trade centers.
6. They are connected by history, travel, and cultural traditions.
7. The Sahara because the heat and dryness make farming very difficult.
8. Answers will vary but should reference a region and a reason.

Teacher Guide

- Use the passage as a quick introduction to the idea that continents have diverse regions with different physical and cultural characteristics.
- Grades 3 to 5 students may benefit from previewing vocabulary words such as rainforest, savanna, and region before reading.
- Grades 6 to 8 students can be challenged to compare two regions and explain how climate influences culture, food, or daily routines.
- Encourage students who need support to reread the first and last sentences of each paragraph to build comprehension.
- For engagement, allow students to sketch one region and add three facts from the passage.
- For extension, have students choose one region to research further and write a short paragraph expanding on a detail from the text.