



Unit Seven

Unit Title: Africa, South of the Sahara

World Geography

Unit Length and Description:

3 weeks

This unit focuses on the physical and human geography of Africa south of the Sahara, location of natural resources and their impact on economic activities. Ethnic conflict and environmental issues as aspects of human geography are also examined in this unit.

Standards:

Standard 1: World in Spatial Terms and Uses of Geography

WG.1.2	Explain Earth's grid system, using latitude and longitude to locate key places and to answer geographic questions about that place
WG.1.4	Use geographic representations to locate the world's continents, major landforms, major bodies of water and major countries and to solve geographic problems

Standard 2: Physical Systems

WG.2.2	Identify and locate world climate regions and evaluate the impact of the Earth/Sun relationship, ocean currents, wind currents, and elevation on each climate region
WG.2.3	Compare and contrast regions of the world by analyzing the plant and animal life indigenous to the region (ecosystems)
WG.2.4	Explain and give examples of natural and human processes that shape Earth's surface and identify specific locations where these processes occur

Standard 3: Region

WG.3.1	Analyze how cooperation, conflict, and self-interest impact the cultural, political, and economic regions of the world and relations between nations
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Standard 4: Place

WG.4.1	Determine the physical and human characteristics that comprise the identity of a given place
WG.4.2	Analyze the distinguishing physical characteristics of a given place to determine their impact on human activities
WG.4.3	Identify and analyze distinguishing human characteristics of a given place to determine their influence on historical events
WG.4.4	Evaluate the impact of historical events on culture and relationships among groups

Standard 5: Human Systems

WG.5.1	Describe and classify reasons for human migration in terms of push or pull factors to determine the changes and similarities in these factors over time
WG.5.2	Use population pyramids, geographic data and maps to analyze the current impact of population growth and to predict future population trends

WG.5.3	Describe and illustrate specific examples of economic interdependence in various regions
WG.5.4	Determine the factors that contribute to a country's standard of living
Standard 6: Environment and Society	
WG.6.3	Analyze the distribution of resources and describe their impact on human systems (past, present, and future)
WG.6.4	Assess the role of government and business in preserving or consuming natural resources and protecting or destroying the physical environment

Enduring Understandings- Compelling Question:	Essential Questions- Supporting Question:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the distribution of power a product of existing documents and laws combined with contemporary values and beliefs? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How does where people live influence how they live? • What is power and how is it gained, used, and justified? • What drives one group of people to conquer another? • How are nationalism and self-determination related to cultural convergence and cultural divergence? How do societies change as a result of cultural convergence and divergence?