Africa’s Environmental Issues

**SS7G2 The student will discuss environmental issues across the continent of Africa.**

# a. Explain how water pollution and the unequal distribution of water impacts irrigation, trade, industry, and drinking water.

# b. Explain the relationship between poor soil and deforestation in Sub - Saharan Africa.

c. Explain the impact of desertification on the environment of Africa from the Sahel to the rain forest.

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| **Desertification**  Imagine that you are trying to teach a group of illiterate villagers about the causes and solutions to desertification.  Create a picture that illustrates one cause of desertification and one solution to the problem.  *(The picture must have color.)* | **Deforestation**  Create a visual representation of how the process of deforestation has affected the people and regions of Africa. *(The picture must have color.)* | **Water**  Examine the issues of water pollution and the unequal distribution of water in Africa and Southwest Asia. How do these issues present similar problems in the two regions? *(6+ sentences)* |
| **Deforestation and Desertification**  How do the issues of deforestation and desertification present similar problems for the continent of Africa? How are they different? *(6+ sentences)* | **Water**  Imagine that you are the president of the Red Cross charity. Create a message that would be read to the people outlining the problems associated with water in Africa and how you plan to use their money to solve the problem. *(6+ sentences)* | **Deforestation**  Imagine that you are the director of the anti-deforestation office in Africa. You need to create a public service announcement poster that illustrates a cause of deforestation and a way to combat it.  *(The picture must have color.)* |
| **Water, Deforestation, and Desertification**  Analyze the environmental issues of water pollution, deforestation, and desertification. Create an argument for which one you think poses the biggest problem to Africa. Use evidence from your notes and the Prep-book to strengthen your argument.  *(6+ sentences)* | **Desertification**  Imagine that you are the agricultural commissioner of Africa. You must write a letter to the people of Africa explaining what desertification is and why it is taking place. You must also create a plan in which to combat desertification. *(6+ sentences)* | **Water**  Imagine that you were the autocratic ruler of the continent of Africa. What are three laws that you would put into effect to solve the problem of water pollution and the unequal distribution of water. Why would these laws be a solution to the problem?  *(6+ sentences)* |