

Section 2: Climate and Vegetation
Africa: Physical Geography**Guided Reading and Review****A. As You Read**

Directions: As you read Section 2, complete the following chart with information about climate and vegetation in Africa. Write supporting details for each main idea on the lines below.

Main Idea A	
There are three key factors that influence climate in Africa.	
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____

Main Idea B	
There are three major types of vegetation regions in Africa.	
4.	_____
5.	_____
6.	_____

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: Complete these sentences by writing the correct terms in the blanks provided.

7. In very dry lands, farmers often must _____ their crops.
8. When Ethiopia goes through a(n) _____, there is little or no water to grow crops and raise livestock.
9. Sometimes in the middle of a desert, travelers must find a(n) _____ where there is water and some vegetation.
10. The most common vegetation in Africa is tropical _____.
11. A person who travels from place to place to make a living is called a(n) _____.

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Section Quiz

A. Key Terms

Directions: Read the statements below. If a statement is true, write T in the blank provided. If it is false, write F. Rewrite false statements on the back of this page to make them true.

- _____ 1. An oasis is a place in a desert where nothing will grow.
- _____ 2. In countries with little rainfall, farmers must irrigate, or artificially water, their crops.
- _____ 3. The most common vegetation in Africa is tropical rain forest.
- _____ 4. A drought is a period of heavy rain.
- _____ 5. A person who moves around to various places to make a living is called a nomad.

B. Main Ideas

Directions: Write the letter of the correct answer in each blank.

- _____ 6. A region's distance from the Equator, its elevation, amount of rainfall, and its closeness to large bodies of water and major landforms all influence its
 - a. climate.
 - b. soil.
 - c. mineral resources.
 - d. industry.
- _____ 7. In Africa, how do farmers from dry regions prepare for the possible lack of rainfall?
 - a. They plant only one crop.
 - b. They plant a variety of crops.
 - c. They do not irrigate their crops.
 - d. They buy crops.
- _____ 8. North and south of the rain forest, Africa is covered by
 - a. desert.
 - b. mountains.
 - c. savanna.
 - d. the Sahel.
- _____ 9. In Central Africa, the rain forest is threatened because people have
 - a. cut down the trees.
 - b. planted too many trees.
 - c. used the land for fertile farmland.
 - d. irrigated the land to water the trees.
- _____ 10. Most of the nomads who live in the Sahara are
 - a. artisans.
 - b. merchants.
 - c. manufacturers.
 - d. herders.