

Africa: Physical

A. Use the maps located in the Unit Atlas on pages 402–407 and throughout Unit 6 to locate the physical features listed below. Label them on the accompanying outline map.

Bodies of Water

Atlantic Ocean
Gulf of Aden
Gulf of Guinea
Indian Ocean
Mediterranean Sea
Mozambique Channel
Red Sea
Strait of Gibraltar

Mountains

Ahaggar Mountains
Atlas Mountains
Mount Kilimanjaro

Major Landforms

Ethiopian Plateau
Great Rift Valley
Horn of Africa
Kalahari Desert
Libyan Desert
Namib Desert
Sahara
Sahel

Islands

Canary Islands
Comoros
Madagascar

Lakes

Lake Chad
Lake Nasser
Lake Nyasa
Lake Tanganyika
Lake Victoria

Rivers

Blue Nile
Congo
Niger
Nile
Orange
Senegal
White Nile
Zambezi

B. After labeling your map, use it to answer the following questions.

1. What is Africa's most prominent highland landform?

2. What large freshwater lake is the source of the Nile River? Toward what body of water does it flow? What artificial lake helps irrigate fields along its banks?

3. What form of geological activity does the Great Rift Valley represent?

4. Where are Africa's deserts located?

5. Where is the source of the Niger River? In which direction does it flow and where is its delta?

