

Geography of Africa (Pgs 112-115)

Study Guide 5-1

1. What is the largest continent on earth? What is the second largest continent?
2. What does *sub-Saharan Africa* mean?
3. Along which river did West Africa's great civilizations develop?
4. What did the Niger River provide people living in the region?
5. Why might more people live in the savannah than the Sahel?
6. Describe the characteristics of each of West Africa's four climate regions?

Climate Region	Characteristics (<i>describe both climate and vegetation</i>)
Desert (Sahara)	
Sahel	
Savanna	
Rain Forest	

7. What crops were harvested in West Africa?
8. Why was salt important to West Africans?
9. Why did gold become so valuable?