

Africa - Location and Physical Features

Chapter 14: Africa - Location and Physical Features · Topic 1

Key Concept

Africa is bordered by the Atlantic Ocean to the west, the Indian Ocean to the east, and the Mediterranean Sea to the north.

The Sahara Desert, the world's largest hot desert, covers much of North Africa, presenting extreme dry conditions.

The Nile River, one of the world's longest rivers, flows through northeastern Africa, supporting agriculture and civilisation for thousands of years.

The Great Rift Valley, a massive geological formation, stretches through East Africa, featuring unique landscapes and volcanic activity.

Quick Revision Notes

- Africa is located across the equator.
- It's bordered by the Atlantic, Indian Oceans and Mediterranean Sea.
- The Sahara Desert is the world's largest hot desert.
- It covers much of North Africa.
- The Nile River is one of the world's longest rivers.
- It flows through northeastern Africa.
- The Nile supported ancient civilisation.
- The Great Rift Valley stretches through East Africa.

Practice Questions

- 1 Locate Africa on a world map.
- 2 Research the Sahara Desert.
- 3 Discuss why the Nile River was important historically.
- 4 Research the Great Rift Valley.
- 5 Draw a simple map of Africa's features.
- 6 Discuss how physical features shaped African civilisations.