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Chapter 20 (Central Africa) Lesson 1 Physical Geography of Central Africa Guided Reading Activity

Essential Question: How do people adapt to their environment?

Landforms and Waterways

Directions: As you read the section, fill in the blanks with information about the landforms and waterways of Central Africa.

1. The countries that make up Central Africa are _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, and _____.
2. The landform that dominates most of Central Africa is the watershed of the _____.
3. The _____ runs along the eastern edge of the region.
4. The highest mountain in the region is _____, which is part of the _____ range.
5. Several islands lie off the Atlantic coast of Central Africa, including _____ and _____, which belong to Equatorial Guinea.
6. Of the seven countries in Central Africa, six have coasts on the _____.
7. The only country in the region without a coast is _____.
8. The second-longest river in Africa is the _____. This river and its _____ make up most of Central Africa's inland waterways.
9. The seaport city of _____ is found along the Congo River about 100 miles from the Atlantic Ocean where _____ prevent ships from traveling any further inland.
10. The Congo River is important to Central Africa because it provides a _____ for people who live near it, an important transportation artery for people and goods in the region, and a source of _____ power.

Climate and Vegetation

Directions: Use your textbook to answer the questions about the climate and vegetation in Central Africa.

1. What is the climate in Central Africa along the Equator like?

2. What is the climate like farther from the Equator?

3. What kind of ecosystem covers more than half of Central Africa?

4. What kind of ecosystem exists outside the rain forests in the northern and southern areas of Central Africa?

5. According to some experts, how has slash-and-burn agriculture affected the land in Central Africa?
