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**Physical Geography of Africa**

***Directions: In the table below describe the four regions of the African continent.***

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| **Regions** | **Description …………** *What is the land like?* | **Major Landform** |
| **NORTH** |  | **Sahara-** world’s largest desert  **Nile-** world’s largest river |
| **West** |  | **Coastlines-** dry and sandy in some places and swampy in others |
| **EAST** |  | **Great Rift Valley-** 4,000 deep trench where most of Africa’s large lakes are found.  **Mt. Kilimanjaro-** Africa’s tallest mountain. |
| **CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN** |  | **Victoria Falls-** the Zambezi River falls into deep canyon creating the “smoke that thunders”  **Namib and Kalahari Desert-** used to contain diamond mines |

***Directions: Fill in the blanks below.***

1. The Nile, Congo, and Niger rivers are used for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but the Zambezi River is also used for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. The rivers in Africa are difficult to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and transport goods because of cataracts.

3. Africa is often called a plateau continent because the land is very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and there are lots of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and plateaus.

4. Africa is huge, it contains \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all the land in the world.

5. Africa is diverse because it contains many different climates, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and animals.

***Directions: Match the definition with the key word from the reading.***

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 6. long, deep trench that cuts through the Earth A. plateau

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 7. fertile, soil made of tiny rocks and soil B. rift

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 8. large, high areas of flat land C. cataract

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 9. height of land above sea level D. elevation

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 10. rock-filled rapids E. silt