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**Africa Guided Reading**

**Academic Vocabulary:**

* **Virulent**: extremely harmful, infectious, poisonous, and severe in its effects. "a virulent epidemic"
* **Myriad**: a countless or extremely great number, "a myriad of insects"
* **Benign**: not dangerous or serious. “the British and French versions look positively benign and was ruthlessly brutal from start to finish”
* **Reprisal**: the act of retaliation. “will not cooperate with the military, either for fear of reprisal or due to a shared resentment”
* **Casus Belli**: Latin expression for a situation or act provoking war. “at the moment it does not have a casus belli to strike before completion”
* **Jihadist**: member of an Islamic militant movement that is against Western ideals. “Boko Haram will try to form alliances with the jihadists up north”
* **Cachet**: to be respected or admired. “the change appears to have been simply to capitalize on the name recognition and ‘cachet’ of the words *Islamic State*”
* **Ebb and Flow**: the recurrent or rhythmical pattern of coming and going or a state of decline and regrowth.
* **Echelons**: a specific level or rank in an organization or society. “They prevailed in 2002, and their top echelons immediately undermined their own credentials”
* **Brigade**: the subdivision of an army, typically consisting of a small number of infantry battalions or other units forming part of a division. “The South African National Defense Force has a brigade in the DRC”
* **Hampered**: to impede or hinder the movement of progress. "their work is hampered by lack of funds"

**Content Vocabulary:**

Africa’s “World War”

Apartheid

Berlin Conference

Boko Haram

EAC (East African Community)

Genocide

Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam  
King Leopold

Great Rift Valley

Great Zimbabwe

HIV/AIDS

Interahamwe

Mali Empire

Nelson Mandela

Omar al-Bashir

SADC (South African Development Community)

Sahel

Scramble for Africa

Sinai Peninsula

Suez Canal

Victoria Falls

**Questions:**

1. What is the prediction in the Nelson Mandela quote, “It always seems impossible until it is done?”
2. How is Africa isolated from everyone else?
3. In what way(s) was Africa “first off the block?”
4. Why do standard maps do Africa an injustice?
5. Explain Jared Diamond’s thought in the quote, “History might have turned out differently if African armies, fed by barnyard-giraffe meat and backed by waves of cavalry mounted on huge rhinos, had swept into Europe to overrun its mutton-fed soldiers mounted on puny horses.”
6. Explain the comparison of Africa’s many rivers to Europe’s many rivers.
7. If technologically productive nations had arisen, why does Marshall say they would have struggled?
8. When outsiders did show up in Africa most Africans had yet to develop…
9. When did Arabs arrive in Africa? Europeans?
10. When did slavery begin in Africa and when did Arabs and Europeans start to exploit African slave labor?
11. What is the effect that European colonialism had on African conflicts?
12. What type of conflicts existed before European colonialism? How did colonialism intensify those conflicts?
13. Name some African countries that have had civil unrest.
14. How did the Cold War reach Africa?
15. Why is the Democratic Republic of Congo not able to capitalize on the plentiful resources it has?
16. Who are the Hutus and the Tutsis?
17. What is the underlying problem to the Burundi political tensions?
18. How does Egypt fair compared to the other African nations?
19. What is the “water war” that might take place between Ethiopia and Egypt?
20. How has Boko Haram gained a footing in Nigeria?
21. Explain how China has become involved in East Africa.
22. What is the draw of China that attracts African countries like Angola to do business with them?
23. What is the “new scramble for Africa?”
24. South Africa seems to have escaped what plagues the African countries north of them. What advantages does Tim Marshall credit them with?
25. Why is infrastructure the key to a wealthy state?
26. Why does Marshall say this needs to be the time that Africa prevails?