



World Studies: Countries, Cultures, and Connections-7

Chapter 11: Federal Republic of Nigeria

Section 1: The Geography of Nigeria

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. _____ is located on the west coast of Africa.
2. The capital of Nigeria is _____, which is located in the center of the country.
3. In addition to sharing borders with four countries, Nigeria is bordered to the south by the Gulf of _____, a part of the Atlantic Ocean.
4. Nigeria is located where the _____ River flows into the Gulf of Guinea. The _____ River is the largest river in West Africa and is the source of the country's name.
5. Another unusual thing about the Niger River is that it has an inner _____ in the middle of the river, instead of just at the mouth.
6. The area around this delta is good for _____ and fishing.
7. Most of the Niger River is _____, which means ships can operate on it.
8. The central part of the country has rugged _____ and extinct volcanoes.
9. Nigeria's location just north of the _____ means that temperatures will be high.
10. There are several different climates found throughout Nigeria, but the most common climate is the _____ climate.
11. In winter months, a dry wind called the _____ blows from the northeast carrying dust from the Sahara Desert across West Africa.

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12. Nigeria has very large deposits of _____ and natural gas, in addition to other natural resources.
13. Nigeria has other valuable natural resources like _____ land, which the government is not investing in because of its investment in the oil industry.
14. Like many countries in Africa, about half of the people in Nigeria continue to live in _____ areas, usually following the traditions of their ancestors.
15. _____ is a problem as land is cleared for farmland and development.
16. As _____ continues, water and air pollution continue to rise.
17. However, the most significant environmental issue is _____ pollution.
18. Over 250 _____ groups live in Nigeria. The largest ethnic groups are the _____ in the north, the _____ in the southwest and the _____ (or Ibo) in the southeast.
19. About 54 percent of the population of Nigeria is _____ and 46 percent of the population is _____.
20. A militant Muslim group called _____ is attempting to control parts Nigeria causing tension to remain high.