

**Geography of Africa**  
**Review Exam One**  
**Fall 2011**

**Introduction to Geography and Africa**

- ✓ Geography Defined
- ✓ Spatial Perspective
- ✓ The Big G
- ✓ Formal and Functional Regions
- ✓ Size and Location of Africa
- ✓ Unique Features of Africa
- ✓ Geographic divisions of Africa
  - Major Countries
  - How they are divided
  - Regions and Issues
- ✓ Common Characteristics of Africa

**Physical Geography**

- ✓ Continental Drift and Plate Tectonics
  - Pangea
  - Evidence
  - Plates that impact Africa
- ✓ Northern Africa
  - Major Features
  - Orographic Precipitation
- ✓ Southern Africa
  - Plateaus
  - Major Physical Features
  - The Rift Valley and the Great Lakes
- ✓ Major Rivers
- ✓ Climates of Africa
  - Influences and Types
- ✓ Environmental Issues

**Historical Geography**

- ✓ Early History
  - History of humans
  - The Neolithic Revolution
    - Regions and Crops
  - Early States
    - Egypt, Kush, Askum, The Sudanic Empires
  - Islamic Influence
- ✓ The Slave Triangle and Early slave trading in Africa
- ✓ Colonial Period
  - The arrival of the Europeans
  - The Berlin Conference
    - Superimposed boundaries
  - Goals of the Europeans
  - Patterns of European Settlements
  - Independence in Africa
  - Impacts of the Colonial Era
  - Colonization of South Africa - Apartheid

**Political Geography**

- ✓ Colonial Legacy
- ✓ Conflict – Nigeria and Sudan
- ✓ Apartheid and South Africa
- ✓ The Cold War in Africa
- ✓ Elite Rule in Africa
- ✓ Shifts in Africa's geopolitical landscape
- ✓ Democratization of Africa