

AFRICA



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World History



I. FACTS AND FIGURES

✿ Area

- ✿ Second-largest continent
- ✿ 11,678,000 sq. miles
- ✿ China, US, India, Mexico fit into it!

✿ Population and Language

- ✿ 1,001,320,000- Cairo (Egypt), Lagos (Nigeria), Kinshasha (Congo) are largest
- ✿ Over 800 languages spoken
- ✿ 53 separate countries- PROBLEMS??



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✦ Major Landforms

- ✦ Sahara Desert- Northern regions
- ✦ Nile River + Congo River
- ✦ Mt. Kilimanjaro- North Tanzania

✦ Climate

- ✦ Africa lies between four hemispheres
- ✦ Most of continent is warm
- ✦ Rainfall unpredictable
- ✦ Rainforests, savannas, deserts



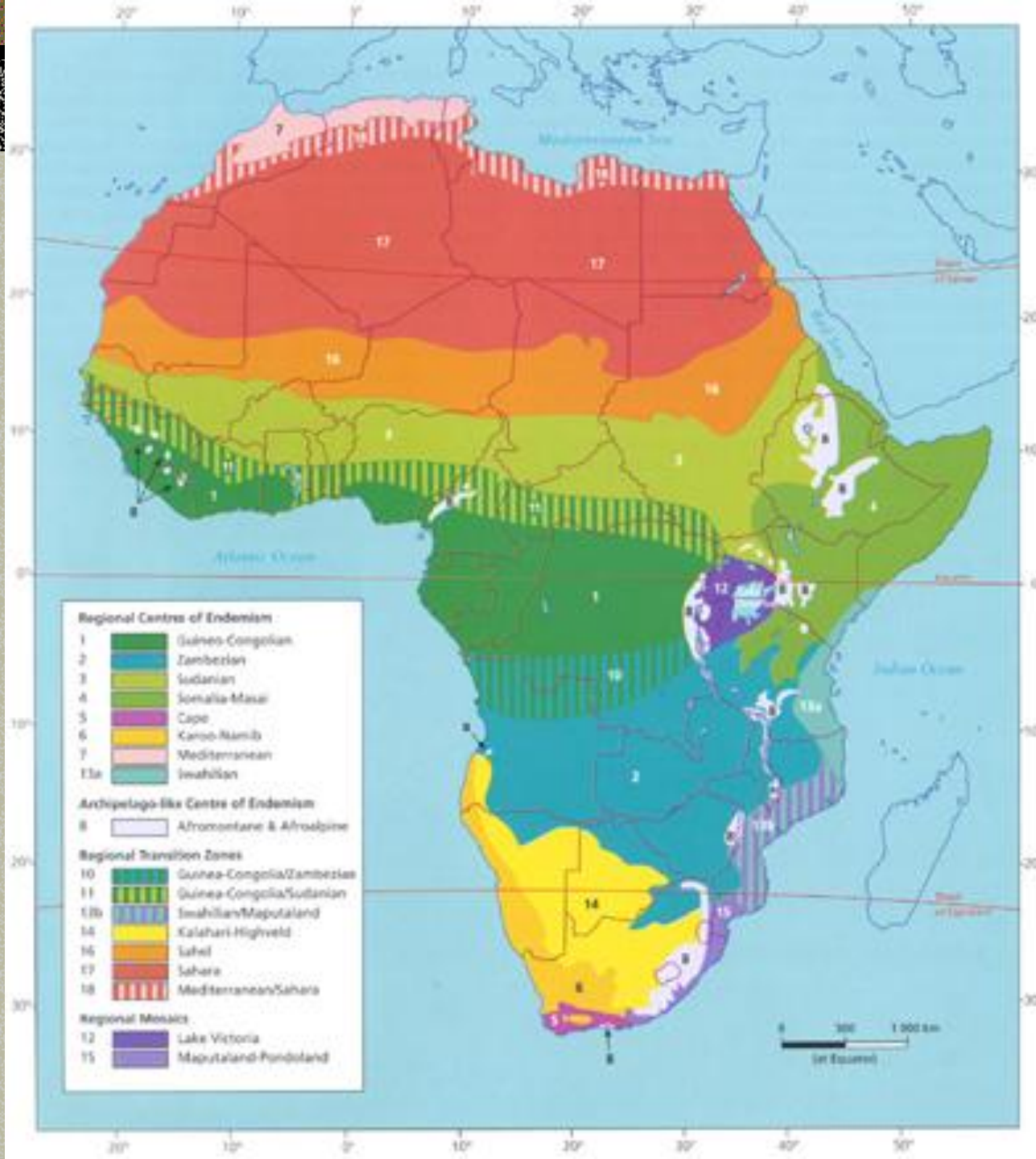
Desert

Savanna

Rainforest

Savanna

Desert





MT. KILIMANJARO





NILE RIVER





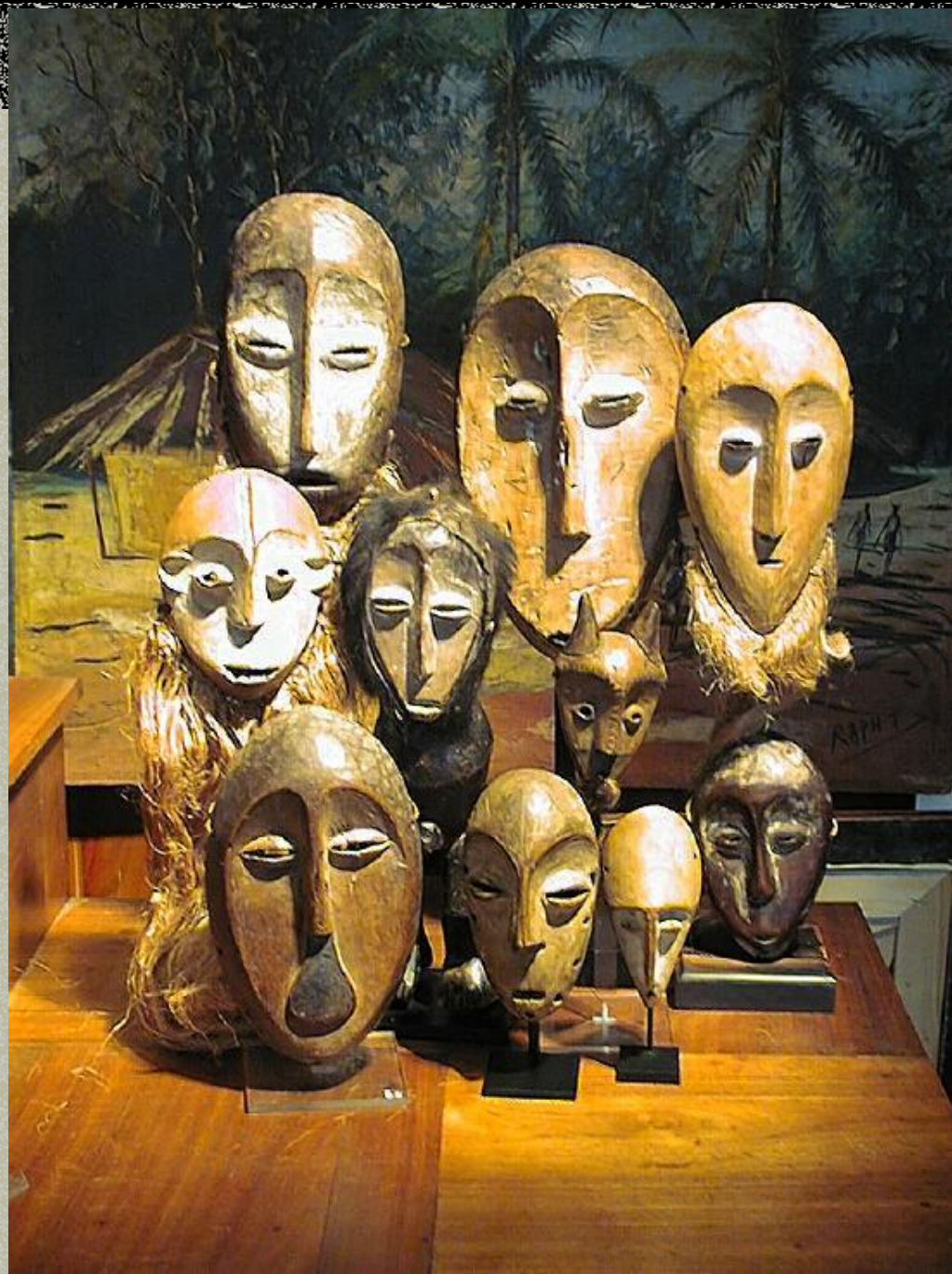
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✿ Resources

- ✿ Agriculture- almost none
- ✿ Minerals- gold, silver, diamonds, oil, uranium

✿ Religion

- ✿ 200,000,000 practice traditional religions
- ✿ Believe in Polytheism + magic
- ✿ Worship nature- REBIRTH
- ✿ Women hold important power- earth goddesses
- ✿ Masks created to ward off evil spirits
 - ✿ Made of animal hair, jewelry, wood, gold





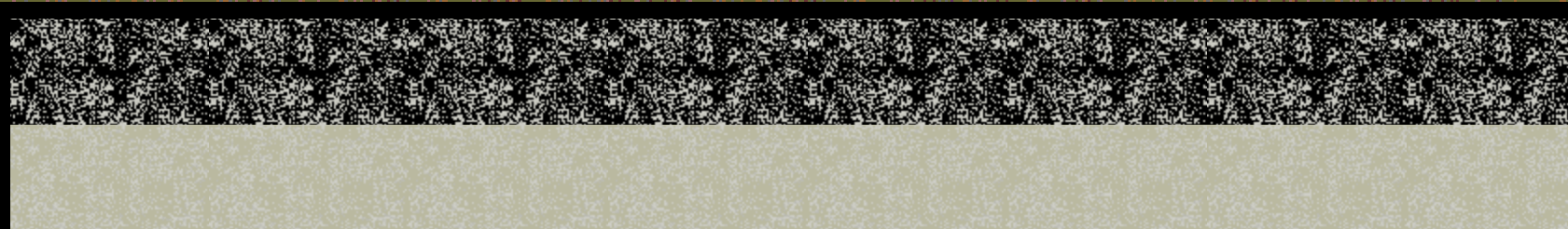
II. OTHER FACTS

- ✿ Continent's name comes from Afridi culture
- ✿ Known as "Cradle of Civilization"
 - ✿ Humans first evolved in East Africa
 - ✿ "Lucy" discovered in 1974
- ✿ Average life expectancy: 46 yrs.
- ✿ Literacy Level: 1 out of 2 adults can't read
- ✿ 70% of world's poorest nations in Africa
- ✿ As many as 1 out of 5 Africans have AIDS

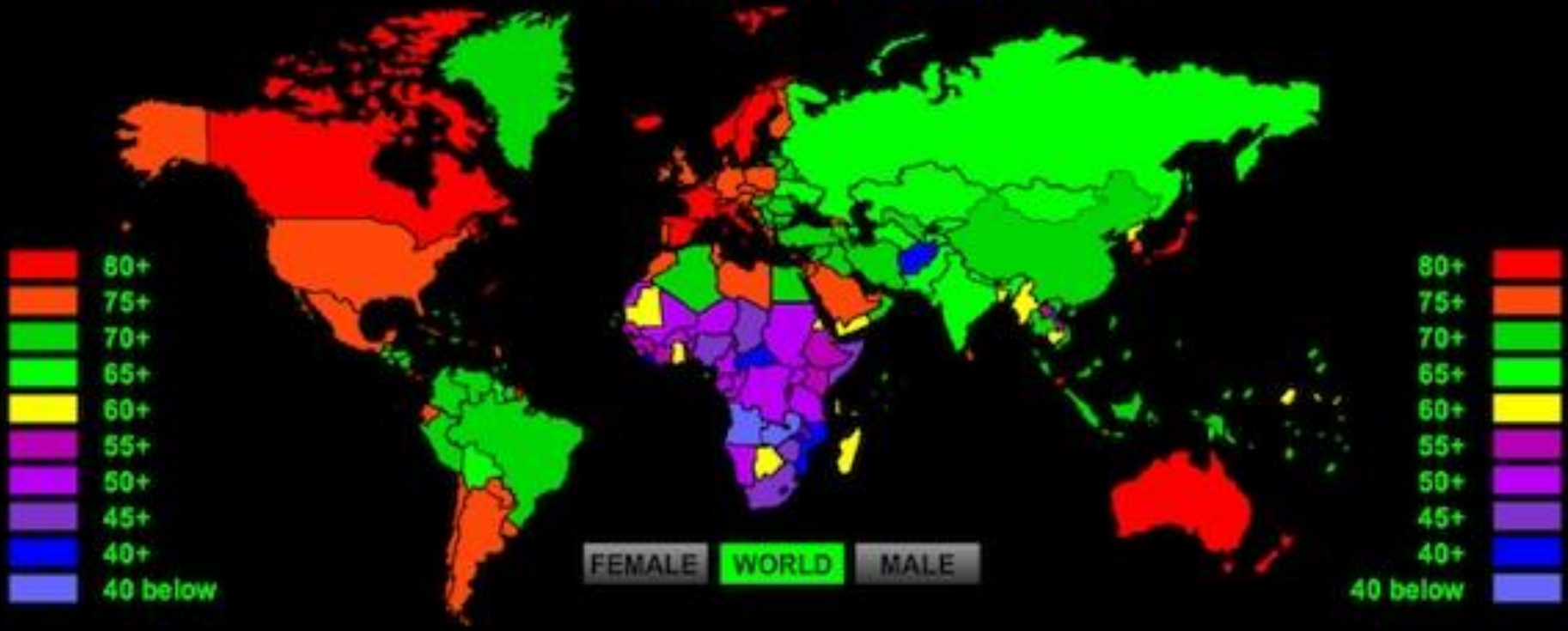


III. PREVIEW OF TOPICS

- ✦ Ghana
- ✦ Mali
- ✦ Zimbabwe
- ✦ Congo
- ✦ Songhai
- ✦ Bantu



WORLD LIFE EXPECTANCY MAP



World Health Rankings