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
Mt. Kilimanjaro
I. Facts and Figures

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 Health Rankings