

## Chapter 21 Study Guide

Name two ways in which Northern Africa is like the Middle East?

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- 2.

Describe the Sahara Desert:

Define the Sahel and describe how it is a transitional zone:

### I. The Sahel

**Mauritania:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

Why is rainfall rare in northern Mauritania?

What is the name of the nomadic people?

When was slave trade outlawed in Mauritania?

What river creates a fertile plain in southern Mauritania?

**Mali:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

Name the three great African empires that once existed in Mali?

What was an abundant commodity in Mali?

Name the two major rivers that run through Mali:

What is Mali's major export?

What is the name of the ancient capital of the Mali Empire that was once known as the center for learning?

**Niger:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

What is called the "Switzerland of the desert"?

What industry is found in Niger?

Briefly explain the history of the Tuaregs and how they affected Niger.

Why was Morocco able to defeat the Songhai Empire?

**Chad:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

Why is Chad considered the most primitive country on the Sahel?

What is happening to Lake Chad?

What is the name of the volcanic mountain range in Chad?

Explain why modern Christianity is strong in Chad?

## II. The Maghreb

Explain the meaning of Maghreb:

Why are the Atlas Mountains called the Djezira el-Maghreb by the Arabs and what is its meaning?

Who are the Berbers?

List the major cities that are on the Barbary Coast

**Morocco:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

Name and explain the importance of the strait in Morocco:

Morocco is the leading producer of what mineral?

What is the name of the area that Morocco wants to claim?

With whom did Morocco form a free trade agreement and why?

**Algeria:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

What percent of the population live along the coast?

What are 2 of the major exports of Algeria?

Define and explain ergs:

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Define and explain hammadas:

What is the name of the mountain range in Algeria?

What are chotts?

**Tunisia:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

What is the temperature in northern Tunisia and why is that region a desirable place to live?

## III. Libya and Egypt – transitional area between Africa and Middle East

They are the two most influential countries in Northern Africa.

**Libya:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_

What percent of Libya is covered by desert? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the name of the Gulf that extends south to the center of Libya?  
Where do most of the people live?  
What are their primary products?

What gives Libya one of the highest GDP's in Africa?

What is the state religion of Libya?

**Egypt:** Capital is \_\_\_\_\_  
As early as \_\_\_\_\_, Egypt was united as a state under one ruler.

Egypt has the \_\_\_\_\_ population in the Arab world.

What is the state religion of Egypt?

What river is the lifeblood of Egypt?

Describe the Nile and explain its importance to the inhabitants of Egypt:

What allows for year-round irrigation of crops along the river?

Who are the fellahin?

Where are Upper Egypt and Lower Egypt?

What continent does the Sinai Peninsula lie in?

What is the importance of the Sinai Peninsula?

What is the name of the canal that connects the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea?

Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?

What is the Muslim name associated with the mountain?