**3rd Nine Weeks Benchmark Study Guide**

1. Which desert is the largest in Africa?
2. How do rivers help ease the burden of lack of water in Africa?
3. Why do people choose to live in the Southern part of the Sahel?
4. What is Desertification and how does it affect the land?
5. What religion do most Arabs practice?
6. What forces people in Northern Africa to live on such a small percentage of land?
7. What is Subsistence farming?
8. What is deforestation?
9. Describe the link between safe drinking water and population growth.
10. How can Africans stop the increase in Deforestation?
11. What have Africans done to rivers to help with irrigation?
12. What is being done to combat the effects of drought and famine?
13. Which ethnic group migrated south of the Sahel in the largest movement of people in African history?
14. Why does South Africa have such a booming economy?
15. How did colonialism in Africa affect business after the African countries claimed independence?
16. What ethnic group can be found in the desert region in Africa and the Middle East?
17. How has AIDS affected the African population?
18. What allowed traders to move goods more freely through the Sahara desert?
19. What has kept the Sudan from expanding its economy?
20. What is a republic and give an example?
21. What is a democracy and give an example of one in Africa?
22. What was the African National Congress?
23. What were the reasons for European countries wanting to colonize Africa?
24. Explain how the slave trade system worked.
25. The discovery of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ brought many British settlers to South Africa in the 1800’s.
26. Define refugee.
27. What are the main reasons for there to be so many refugees in Africa?
28. What are the major causes for ethnic conflicts after many African countries gained their independence?
29. Why has Sudan not been able to take full advantage of the natural resources it possesses?
30. Who was Nelson Mandela and what is he associated with in Africa?
31. Who is Frederick Willem (F.W.) de Klerk and what is he associated with in Africa?
32. What is nationalism?
33. What were some of the results from European colonialism in Africa?
34. What was the name for Mansa Musa’s center of learning?
35. Which was the greatest of the early African empires in the west?
36. What are the causes of the Arab Spring?
37. Explain the current situation in Sudan?
38. How was religious practice different in the West African empires?