Issues in Africa

WebQuest Description: Take a look at the issues that are affecting the people of Africa.

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Introduction

Africa is the second largest continent next to Asia and it is clearly the poorest. Many issues are affecting the people of Africa, especially those south of the Sahara Desert. We call this area Sub-Saharan Africa. Today, you are going to look at four issues that have been affecting Africa since the 1900s. You need to look at how these issues are being caused and if any find a way that these issues can be improved. Upon completing this Webquest you will know the issues affecting Sub-Saharan Africa and how the world around Africa is trying to improve these conditions. Move forward to the ‘Tasks’ page, and complete each task individually.

Tasks

At the end of this Webquest, I expect you to accomplish the following tasks:

1. Recall and explain in your own words four issues affecting Sub-Saharan Africa.
(Analysis)
2. Identify different strategies for fixing or improving these issues in Sub-Saharan Africa.
(Analysis)
3. Outline how each of these issues is affecting the rest of the world.
(Analysis)
4. Compile the characteristics of poor rural areas, and what they need in order to survive.
(Synthesis)
5. Conclude whether or not you as a person can assist or help those in Sub-Saharan Africa.
(Evaluation)

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Issue #1 - Education Article Website: Education is Critical to Tackling the Long-Term Consequences of the Famine in Somalia

1. What problems are occurring in Sub-Saharan African countries like Somalia and Mogadishu?
2. Name three countries that have been providing assistance to these Sub-Saharan African countries.
3. Who has suffered the most at the hands of the famine?
4. According to UNICEF, what will happen to half the teachers in southern Somalia?
5. How many students might drop out of school due to the famine?
6. What can severely handicap children later in life?
7. What have quality early childhood development opportunities shown?
8. How many people have been moved to the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya?
9. Who suffers more from the famine and displacement to refugee camps?
10. What can be done by humanitarian organizations to help with the problems in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Issue #2 - Apartheid Article Website - Apartheid Historical Background

1. Name two of South Africa's resources.
2. When did apartheid officially begin?
3. Who came to South Africa in the mid-19th Century?
4. What did the white settlers do to the Africans when they arrived in South Africa?
5. Explain the "Scramble for Africa".
6. Did the British give the Blacks any rights?
7. In what aspects of life could racial segregation and white domination be seen?
8. When, who, and how was the apartheid created?
9. Name and described one of the bills passed during the apartheid.
10. How were the schools in South Africa separated?
11. In what condition were the schools for the Black children?

Issue #3 - Poverty Article Website - Rural Poverty in Africa

1. What is Africa's population estimated to be?
2. Where do most of Africa's poor people live?
3. How many people in Sub-Saharan Africa live in extreme poverty?
4. Name a reason for rural poverty in many areas of Africa.
5. What is HIV/AIDS doing to the rural poverty in Africa?
6. How many people in Western and Middle Africa live in rural areas and depend on agriculture?
7. In five people live in a country affected by warfare.
8. What problems are reaching alarming levels and making it hard to farm the
land? Eastern and Southern Africa 10. __________ of the 21 countries in the region have average annual per capita income of less than US$400. 11. __________.

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Great Job! Thanks for completing my WebQuest.

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