

Section 1--“Economic Development” (pages 461-463)

1. What are some of the problems African countries have faced in trying to develop their economies?
2. What is the current status of the African economy?
3. What role does adequate infrastructure play in economic development?
4. How might debt forgiveness help African countries to develop?
5. How does participation in regional economic associations such as ECOWAS and SADC encourage economic development?
6. Why do the economies of “one-commodity countries” tend to be unstable? What is suggested as a solution?
7. Why is it important for African countries to reverse the “brain drain?”

Section 2--“Health Care” (pages 465-467)

8. What causes cholera?

9. What point is being made by the chart at the bottom of page 465?
10. How is malaria spread, and why is it becoming more difficult to treat?
11. What portion of the world's AIDS cases are found in Africa?
12. What is the economic impact of widespread disease in Africa?
13. Describe the general pattern of AIDS infection in Africa. (See the map on page 466.)
14. What is being done to fight the diseases affecting Africa?
15. Which country is helping South Africa to deal with its AIDS crisis?
16. How have Uganda and Senegal tried to slow the spread of AIDS?

“Case Study: Effects of Colonialism” (pages 468-471)

17. Why were the Europeans interested in Africa in the late 1800s?

18. What factors complicated Africa's transition to independence?

19. Which African countries are making progress towards democracy?

20. How did the Belgians assure that African villagers would harvest rubber for them?
(Primary Source A)

21. What did Kwame Nkrumah see as vital to the success of Africa? (Primary Source B)

22. What does Ron Daniels see as "ironic" and "tragic" about Africa's current economic situation? (Primary Source C)

23. Why does the New York Times see Ghana as "An African Success Story?"

24. Who do the people in the political cartoon represent? (Primary Source E)

25. What point is being made by this cartoon?