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Chapter 11: Federal Republic of Nigeria – Section 1: The Geography of Nigeria

Guided Reading

Instructions: Read the section and complete each item with words from the passages in this section.

1. _____ is located on the west coast of Africa.
2. The capital of Nigeria is _____, which is located in the center of the country.
3. In addition to sharing borders with four countries, Nigeria is bordered to the south by the Gulf of _____, a part of the Atlantic Ocean.
4. Nigeria is located where the _____ River flows into the Gulf of Guinea. The _____ River is the largest river in West Africa and is the source of the country's name.
5. Another unusual thing about the Niger River is that it has an inner _____ in the middle of the river, instead of just at the mouth.
6. The area around this delta is good for _____ and fishing.
7. The central part of the country has rugged _____ and extinct volcanoes.
8. Nigeria's location just north of the _____ means that temperatures will be high.
9. There are several different climates found throughout Nigeria, but the most common climate is the _____ climate.
10. In winter months, a dry wind called the _____ blows from the northeast carrying dust from the Sahara Desert across West Africa.
11. Nigeria has very large deposits of _____ and natural gas, in addition to other natural resources.

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12. Nigeria has other valuable natural resources like _____ land, which the government is not investing in because of its investment in the oil industry.
13. Like many countries in Africa, about half of the people in Nigeria continue to live in _____ areas, usually following the traditions of their ancestors.
14. _____ is a problem as land is cleared for farmland and development.
15. As _____ continues, water and air pollution continue to rise.
16. However, the most significant environmental issue is _____ pollution.
17. Over 250 _____ groups live in Nigeria. The largest ethnic groups are the _____ in the north, the _____ in the southwest and the _____ (or Ibo) in the southeast.
18. About 50 percent of the population of Nigeria is _____, 40 percent of the population is _____, and the remaining 10 percent of the population practices indigenous beliefs.



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Chapter 11: Federal Republic of Nigeria – Section 2: A Brief History of Nigeria

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1. As a result of its _____ within the continent of Africa, the people of Nigeria have come into frequent contact with traders from different parts of the world.
2. The first group of traders to come to Nigeria were _____ (people involved in trade) from North Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.
3. There were four trans-Saharan trade routes, and _____ of them went through Nigeria.
4. Even after the British abolished the _____ trade in Britain in 1807, British interest in Nigeria did not end.
5. British influence and _____ over Nigeria grew throughout the 19th century.
6. As the _____ - _____ movement began to spread through Nigeria and the rest of West Africa, many Nigerians began to push for their independence from the _____.
7. Nigeria finally gained _____ from Britain in 1960, and most people expected the new state to be stable and calm.
8. Within a few months, however, _____ broke out between the Christian south and the Muslim north.
9. In 1999, a new _____ was adopted and a peaceful transition to civilian government was completed, but Nigeria continued to experience longstanding _____ and _____ tensions.



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Chapter 11: Federal Republic of Nigeria – Section 3: The Government of Nigeria

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1. The official name of Nigeria is the _____ of Nigeria.
2. Nigeria has a _____ government, which means power within the government is divided among the national government, state governments, and local governments.
3. Nigeria's government is based on a _____ that was written in 1999. That constitution allowed for a peaceful transition from _____ rule to _____ rule.
4. The head of government and the cabinet make up the _____ branch.
5. Nigeria has an elected president, so it is a _____ democracy.
6. The _____ serves as both the head of government and the head of state.
7. The executive branch also includes the _____ called the Federal Executive Council.
8. The legislative branch is called the _____ and is made up of two houses: the Senate and the House of Representatives.
9. The _____ branch has a Supreme Court with one chief justice and fifteen justices, who are appointed by the _____ and confirmed by the Senate.

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10. Because of years of colonial rule, much of the law in Nigeria is based on _____ law traditions.
11. The government of Nigeria faces many challenges including government _____ and _____.
12. The country has a history of _____ and nonviolent rule by military _____.



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Chapter 11: Federal Republic of Nigeria – Section 4: The Economy of Nigeria

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1. Nigeria has the _____ economy in Africa.
2. Nigeria's economy is mixed, leaning toward a _____ economy.
3. As a result of their large _____ reserves, Nigeria is a member of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).
4. Nigeria's economic growth over the last five years has been driven by growth in _____, telecommunications, and services.
5. This economic growth has not been enough to bring about a decline in _____ levels, however.
6. Over _____ percent of Nigeria's people still live in extreme poverty.
7. The most important economic challenge facing Nigeria is developing a _____ economy (an economy that is broadened to focus on other resources and industries instead of just oil).
8. The government of Nigeria is also trying to improve the _____ for all Nigerians.
9. The major exports of Nigeria are petroleum and petroleum products (95 percent), _____, and rubber.
10. However, years of government corruption, _____, and military rule have left Nigeria poor.
11. Investment in _____ capital is one way the Nigerian government can help its economy continue to grow.

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12. Nigeria has invested heavily in _____ goods for its oil industry.
13. This concentration on capital goods for this part of the economy, however, has left many Nigerians without proper _____ and _____.
14. Currently, it is not very easy to be an _____ in Nigeria.

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Chapter 11: Federal Republic of Nigeria – Section 5: US-Nigeria Relations

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1. The United States established _____ relations (an arrangement where two nations have representatives in each other's country) with Nigeria in 1960, following Nigeria's _____ from the United Kingdom.
2. Following the 1999 inauguration of a _____ president, the US-Nigerian relationship began to improve, as did cooperation on foreign policy goals such as regional peacekeeping.
3. The United States wants to help improve economic _____, _____, and well-being for Nigerians by strengthening their _____ government and improving transparency.
4. The United States also wants to help with _____ and _____ services, as well as improving agricultural productivity.
5. The United States is the largest foreign _____ in Nigeria, with US foreign direct investment concentrated largely in the petroleum/mining and wholesale _____ sectors.
6. Nigeria is eligible for preferential trade _____ under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), the 2000 act of the United States that increased market access to the United States for qualifying countries in Sub-Saharan Africa.