Intro to Africa Notes INB pages 79-80

**LSA**- Copy these notes about Africa. Use an additional paper if needed to fit. Save page 80 for the **RSA** (right side activity).

**Physical Geography**: Sahara Desert in the north; Sahel just south of Sahara; Savannahs (tropical grasslands) in the north and the south surrounding the Tropical Rainforest near the equator.

Examples: Kalahari Desert, Great Rift Valley, Nile River, Congo River

**Political Geography**: 61 countries in Africa compared to 47 countries in Europe.

All types of government throughout Africa including democracy, partial democracy, traditional monarchy, authoritarian, and colonial democracy.

**Colonialism**: The establishment, exploitation, maintenance, acquisition, and expansion of colonies in one territory by people from another territory. Other countries (mostly European) invaded African territories to strip them of their natural resources. This is why so many African countries are still developing in their economies.

Natural Resources include: oil, gas, diamond, uranium, copper, iron ore, gold, and much more.

**Slavery**- involuntary servitude (working without pay)

Slavery was practiced among many African kingdoms thousands of years before the Europeans were involved.

When the European colonization began, the colonial powers needed a workforce, which they found in Africa.

Most slaves were captured and sold by other African slave traders, while the Europeans were the buyers.

Slaves were taken to the West Indies to work on plantations and harvest tobacco, sugar, and cotton. Then materials were taken to Europe to make clothing and other goods.

Over eleven million slaves were imported between 1450- 1900.

**Today in Africa :**

\*mostly developing countries

\*high infant mortality rate due to poor healthcare access

\*low GDP (gross domestic product)

\*Per Capital Income is very low

\*AIDS/HIV affects about one third of Africa’s population, thus affecting their economic growth.

**RSA-on page 80, trace the outline of your hand. Within each finger and the thumb, write a question about Africa that you learned the answer to today. After the question, write the answer in a complete sentence in the same finger/thumb. Write neatly and small. When finished with the five questions and answers, draw a picture depicting Africa reflecting something you learned today.**