Africa and the Great Lakes Region

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*National Geographic* magazine's "Population 7 Billion" was a year-long series examining specific challenges and solutions to the issues we face as a result of the worldwide population reaching and exceeding seven billion in 2011. This special collection includes resources from both *National Geographic* magazine and National Geographic Education for teachers to use in their social studies and geography classrooms. The *National Geographic* magazine resources include a downloadable National Geographic map insert, a video tour of the map, and a link to the November 2011 issue the map first appeared in. The National Geographic Education resources include interactive mapping tools that will allow educators and learners to delve deeper into a geographic perspective of Africa and the Great Lakes region. The NG Education mapping tools include:

- a MapMaker Kit that educators and learners can use to assemble large-scale maps of Africa and immerse themselves in explorations of the continent;
- links to themes from the MapMaker Interactive, an online interactive map that allows students to explore data layers related to population in Africa.

These educational resources can be used in conjunction with the "7 Billion" app from National Geographic, which features all the content from the magazine series in an app for iPad. "7 Billion" is available for download on the Apple App Store.

Vocabulary

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African Great Lakes
noun
system of lakes in and around the Great Rift Valley: Lake Albert, Lake Edward, Lake Kivu, Lake Malawi, Lake Tanganyika, Lake Turkana, and Lake Victoria. Also called the Rift Valley Lakes and the East African Lakes.

Great Lakes
noun
largest freshwater bodies in the world, located in the United States and Canada. Lake Huron, Lake Ontario, Lake Michigan, Lake Erie, and Lake Superior make up the Great Lakes.

Lake Victoria
noun
(69,485 square kilometers/26,828 square miles) largest lake in Africa, bordered by Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

plate tectonics
noun
movement and interaction of the Earth's plates.

population growth
noun
increase in the number of organisms in a specific area.

tectonic activity
noun
movement of tectonic plates resulting in geologic activity such as volcanic eruptions and earthquakes.

volcano
noun
an opening in the Earth's crust, through which lava, ash, and gases erupt, and also the cone built by eruptions.

Articles & Profiles
- National Geographic Magazine: Population 7 Billion
- National Geographic Magazine: Special Series—7 Billion

Websites
- Population Reference Bureau
- United Nations: Population Fund

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