



Knowledge Organiser – Africa – Year 6 – Spring 1 - Geography

Nelson Mandela – key facts	Year	Event	Vocabulary Dozen		
1. Born in South Africa in 1918.	Mammal	Warm blooded - Give birth to babies rather than laying eggs, and feed their young with milk.	organism	An animal or plant (can be very small needing a microscope to see)	
2. Joins the African National Congress (ANC) group to protest against the government’s unfair treatment of black people.	Fish	Cold blooded - breathe with gills, lay eggs and have fins	species	A particular type of animal or plant.	
3. South African government introduces system of apartheid in 1948	Reptile	Cold blooded - have dry scaly skin, lay eggs on land	classification	A system which divides things into groups or types.	
4. Arrested in 1962, sentenced to life imprisonment. Spends 27 years in prison.	Bird	Warm blooded, have feathers and a beak, lay eggs	vertebrate	An animal with a spine or backbone e.g. horse	
5. Awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993.	Amphibian	Cold blooded – breathe air, lay eggs in water, live on land and in water	invertebrate	An animal without a spine or backbone e.g. spider	
6. Becomes the first black president of South Africa in 1994. This is the first election where black people are allowed to vote.	Insect	A small animal with six legs and three segmented body parts (head, thorax and abdomen)	segmented	divided into parts that are loosely connected to each other	
7. Dies in 2013. There is a national week of mourning in South Africa.	Arachnids	Segmented body parts and eight legs (spider)	Equator	An imaginary line around the middle of the Earth at an equal distance from the North Pole and the South Pole.	
Map of Africa			ocean	A very large body of water that covers roughly 70% of the earth.	
		Types of biomes (habitats)		continent	A very large area of land, such as Africa or Asia, that consists of several countries.
 <p>Africa - a continent made up of 54 countries</p>		grassland	a large open area of country covered with grass, especially one used for grazing	biome	A large region of Earth that has a certain climate and certain types of living things.
		savannah	A flat grassland with no trees.	river basin	The area of land from which all the water flows into a particular river.
		desert	a large area of land, usually in a hot region, where there is almost no water, rain, trees, or plants.	apartheid	A political system in South Africa in which people were divided into racial groups and kept apart by law.
		 <p>“Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” Nelson Mandela (1918 – 2013)</p>			

Other vocabulary for home study: Longitude, Latitude, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Hemisphere, Co-ordinates on a map, Compass points