

Geography Skills Activity

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Central Africa

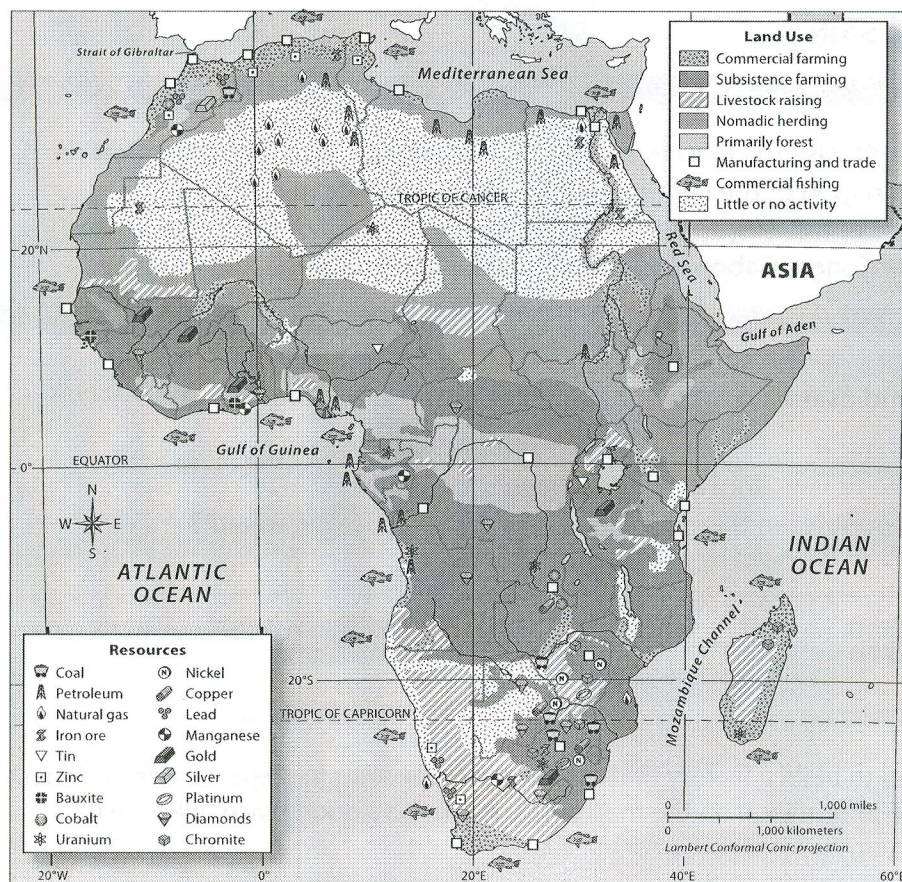
Using a Map Key

Learning the Skill

A map key is a table that shows the meanings of the symbols used on a map. A map key can show specialized symbols used in informational maps, such as resources maps, weather and climate maps, and population density maps. A complex map may have one or more keys. On a map with more than one key, the symbols are grouped according to categories.

Practicing the Skill

Directions: Study the map and answer the questions.




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1. What map keys are included on this map, and what information does each one give?

Map key 1: _____

Map key 2: _____

2. What is represented by the striped pattern?

3. What does this symbol represent ?

4. Draw the symbol for tin deposits.

Applying the Skill

Directions: Use the map to answer the questions. Focus your attention on the central region of the continent and the Central African countries: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Republic of Congo, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, and São Tomé and Príncipe.

1. What two land uses have little or no representation in this region?

2. Which two countries in this region have the most gemstone wealth?

3. How would you describe the economic activity in Cameroon?

4. If you wanted to build a factory that makes wood paneling for export to North America, based on the information on the map where might be a good place to locate it?
