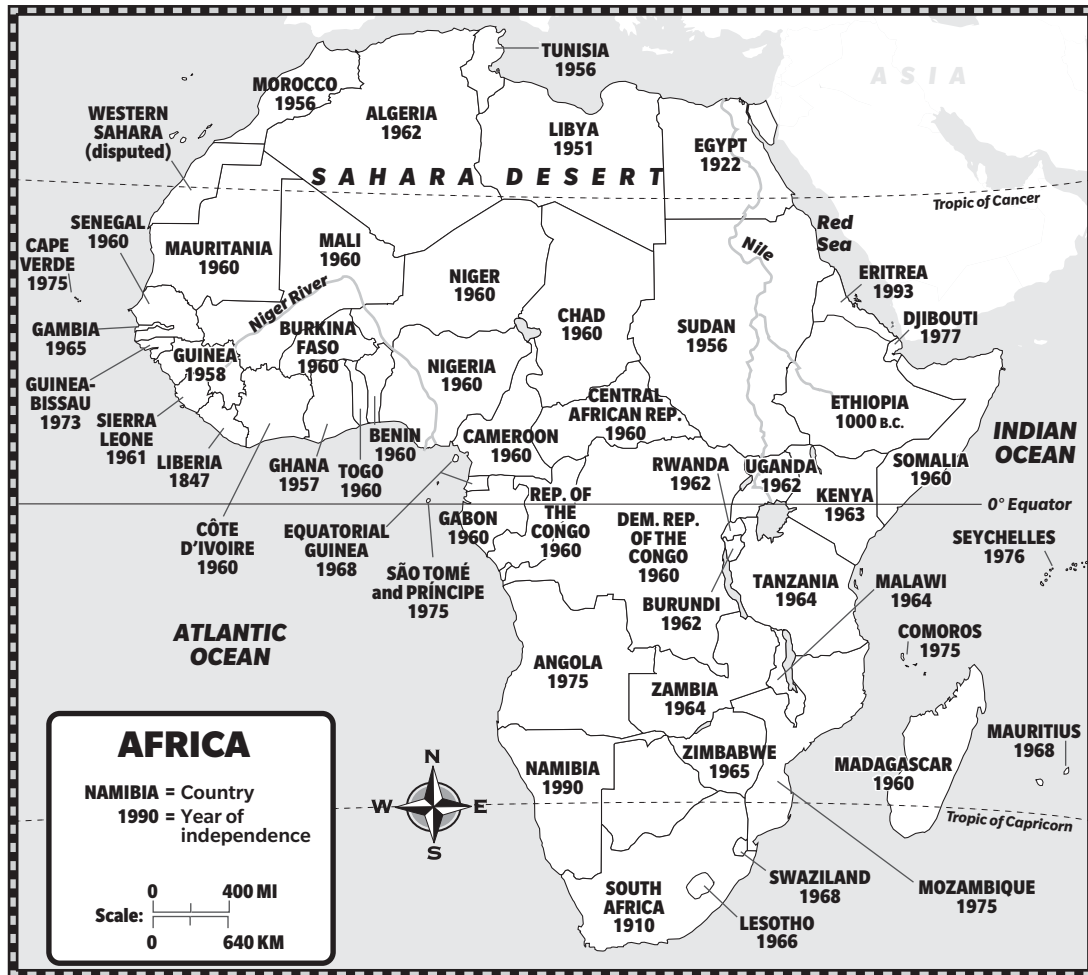


MAP-READING SKILLS

Africa: The Struggle for Independence

The map below shows Africa's 53 countries and the year when each came into being, gained independence, or established its present form of government. Use the map to answer the questions.



QUESTIONS (Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.)

- Which large island nation is located off Africa's eastern coast?
- During which decade did most African nations gain independence?
- If you crossed Africa from east to west along the equator, through which countries would you travel?
- When did modern Egypt gain its independence?
- What large lake is located on the equator?
- Which body of water separates Sudan from Asia?
- About how many miles wide is Africa at the Tropic of Capricorn?
- Which two tiny countries exist completely within one larger one?
- What "disputed" region is not an independent country?
- Which African country gained its independence most recently?