

Year 8 – Misconceptions of Place

1. **Identifying**

Produce a map to show different famous landmarks of the African continent, you must include at least 10 landmarks, locate them, name them and show why they are 'famous' or important.

2. **Interpreting**

There are many misconceptions of Africa, find 7 common misconceptions about Africa and create a piece of work showing:

- What each misconception is
- Why we have that view
- Use evidence to show how and why they are wrong.

(Hint: Use images to help you and thinking maps to show work)

3. **Reading**

Somalia is a country in Africa that used to be full of fisherman, now it is full of Pirates – using news articles and written pieces from your research, find an article and use it to describe who these people are and why have they become pirates? Parents/ Guardians: There is a film called Captain Phillips, but it is a 12A, please check the reviews and information/ advice on viewing before allowing your child to watch this.

Students: Please ask permission before you watch it, if you choose to as part of your research.

(Hint: You could use a Circle map to help you identify things to do with the Somali pirates, using the frame of reference to give your reasons)

4. **Investigate (research)**

Coltan (a combined mineral) is essential for your smart phones! Complete a piece of research to show the following:

- What is coltan?
- What is it used for?
- Where is it found?
- Who mines it?
- Why is this type of mining in these places 'controversial'?

5. **Create**

Time to choose two African countries (try to pick ones that are very different – could be different climates, ecosystems, population sizes, wealth)

Create two factfiles to compare each country:

- Population Size, Life expectancy, wealth
- Climate (temperature/ rainfall averages), ecosystem
- City life – house types, job types
- Rural life – house types, job types
- Visitor attractions or tourism

You should use annotated photos to help you do this.

6. **Watch and evaluate**

David Attenborough: Seven Worlds, One Planet: Africa

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m000c6pn/seven-worlds-one-planet-series-1-7-africa>

Available to view for free on BBC iplayer.

Using thinking tools, gather information on the nature of the African continent – you must include the different types of environment and mention of the people who live in them. What is life like for these people/ animals?

Which environment is likely to survive the longest and why? Consider the threats to each one!

7. **Educate and share**

A continent with 54 countries on it, produce an infographic to show how Africa is a misunderstood and divide continent. You must include:

- Quick facts
- Locations
- Examples of places
- Include misconceptions.

(You can produce this online using free infographic makers or using paper!

Remember to check out what an infographic is and how it works. Small bites of information!)