Chapter 23 East Africa Reading Guide Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Period\_\_\_\_

As you read through the chapter, put the correct answers next to the questions.

**Section 1 – Natural Environments**

Define or explain why the following terms are significant for East Africa:

1. Tsetse fly
2. Great Rift Valley
3. Lake Tanganyika
4. Lake Victoria
5. Serengeti Plain
6. Nile River (include Blue Nile and White Nile in your answer)
7. Sudd

Landforms and Water

1. What landforms have tectonic forces created in East Africa?
2. What factor influence climates in the region?
3. When did Europeans reach the Great Rift Valley? What unbelievable thing did they see when they got there?
4. What is the most famous of the Great Rift Valley volcanoes? Why?
5. Which direction does the Nile flow? What is the source of the Nile?
6. What is the vegetation like in this area of Africa?
7. Where is there great rainfall? Great drought?
8. What does too much rainfall cause? What problem does this create?
9. Why do the giraffes, lions, zebras, etc. owe the tsetse fly their survival?
10. What are the natural resources of this area of Africa? Why?

**Section 2 History and Culture**

1. How did early Africans keep their history going?
2. How is Ethiopia connected to Christianity?
3. Identify:
4. Swahili
5. Ivory
6. sisal
7. What was the most powerful kingdoms in this area? Describe this kingdom.
8. What did Arab traders want from this area? Why?
9. Which European country built the first forts in East Africa?
10. What are the cash crops that the Europeans grew here?
11. Which country was NOT colonized by Europe?
12. What is subsistence agriculture? Who practiced it here?
13. How did the Europeans change this area? Was it for good? Explain.
14. Which country was the last to get independent from Europe?
15. How many ethnic groups are in East Africa?
16. Fill in the chart below with the correct information

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| Language | Groups | Land they ruled |
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1. Look at the religion chart on page 524. Answer the questions below:
2. Which countries have a majority of Christians?
3. Which countries have a majority of Muslims?
4. Most cultures honor who? Why do you think they do this?
5. What is animism?
6. What are some of the main foods of East Africa?

**Section 3 - The Region Today**

1. Define
2. gum Arabic
3. genocide
4. Most of the agriculture in East Africa is based on what? Why do you think this is so?
5. What are the main crops in East Africa?
6. What is a command economy? What are East Africa’s command economies?
7. What is a market economy? What are East Africa’s command economies?
8. What are the biggest urban areas?
9. What are the issues and challenges in East Africa?
10. What happened in Rwanda in 1994? Describe who the people were and why they were fighting. Why did this happen? What was the result?