Chapter 24 Southern 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 Southern Africa:

1. Escarpment
2. Biodiversity
3. Veld
4. What are the main landforms of southern Africa?
5. What are the main rivers of southern Africa?
6. Which river is called the “Crocodile River?”
7. What does the Drakensberg cause in Africa?
8. Where do you find the tropical rainforest region?
9. Which landform region covers the largest area of southern Africa?
10. How does the cold ocean current off the Atlantic coast influence southern Africa’s climates?
11. Fill in the chart about the two deserts of southern Africa:

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| Deserts | Wildlife | Climate/weather |
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1. Why is it hard to ship goods down the rivers of southern Africa?
2. What are the main resources from southern Africa?

Biodiversity in Madagascar

1. What are the main plants found in Madagascar?
2. What are the main animals found in Madagascar?
3. Why are Madagascar’s natural environments seriously threatened today?

History and Culture

Identify/define the following:

1. Afrikaners
2. African National Congress
3. Apartheid
4. Sanctions
5. What language did the first people of southern Africa speak?
6. What did the people in #21 do to live and survive?
7. What groups of Europeans settled in Africa? Where did they settle? What are they called?
8. What are Dutch farmers called?
9. What discovery brought people to southern Africa from all over the world?
10. Who finally ended apartheid in South Africa? How was this done?
11. What languages are spoken in southern Africa?
12. What religions are practiced in southern Africa?

The Region Today

1. Most farmers practice subsistence farmers in this part of Africa. What does this mean? Why do they do it?
2. Fill in the chart according to the crops grown in the countries below:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Country | Zimbabwe | Angola | Madagascar | South Africa |
| Crop |  |  |  |  |

1. Look at the chart on page 543. As you read about the imports coming to southern Africa, what kinds of products can they make and sell from them?

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| Country | Angola | Comoros | Mozambique | Namibia | S. Africa | Swaziland | Zambia |
| Possible Products |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. What are the informal sector jobs in this region?
2. What are the largest urban areas in southern Africa?
3. Describe three major problems that people living in southern Africa face.