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READING A THEMATIC MAP

# AFRICA: THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

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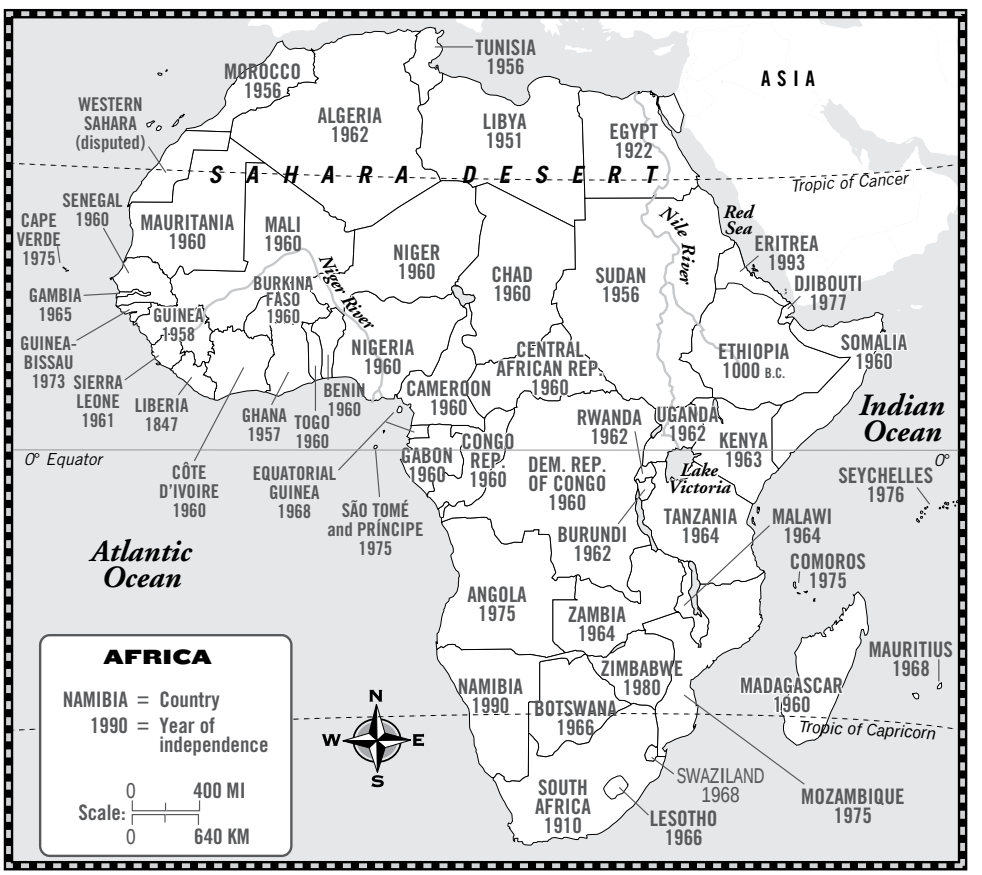
The map below shows Africa's 53 countries and the year that each nation came into being, gained independence, or established its present form of government. Use the map's information to answer the questions. Write your responses on a separate sheet of paper.




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

1. Which large island nation is located off Africa's eastern coast?
2. During which decade did most African nations gain independence or establish their present form of government?
3. If you crossed Africa from east to west along the equator, through which countries would you travel?
4. When did modern Egypt gain its independence?
5. Which African lake is located on the equator?
6. What body of water separates Sudan from Asia?
7. How many miles wide is Africa at the Tropic of Capricorn?
8. What southern African country, before its independence in 1980, was called Rhodesia?
9. By the early 1900s, European nations had colonized almost all of Africa. What do you think countries hoped to gain by establishing these colonies?
10. What challenges do you think face a country trying to rule an overseas colony a continent away?