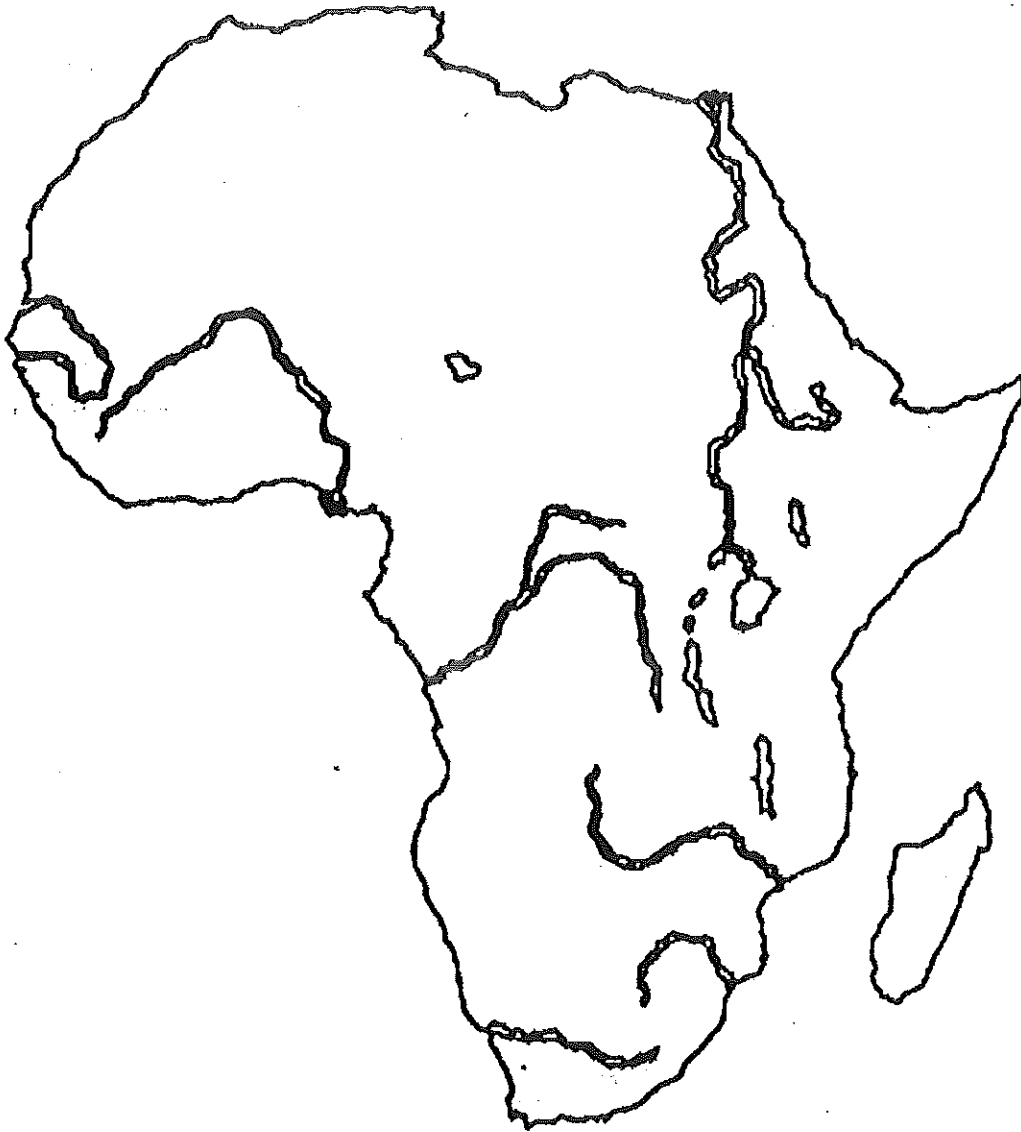


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As is well known all over the world, crocodiles do not have the most pleasant personalities among the animal kingdom. In fact, they can, at times, be downright cantankerous. Conrad, who is a Nile crocodile, is particularly unpleasant. African legend tells us that the reason Conrad is so cranky is that he has been unable to find his long lost love, the Lovely Cornelia. At the height of his despair (just last week as a matter of fact), Conrad received a letter from his brother Mark, the Mapmaking Crocodile.

Dear Conrad,

Good news! I learned through the crocodile grapevine that the lovely Cornelia escaped from her captors who were going to send her to the zoo. She wandered aimlessly for about 10 years, finally found a good place to hide and has been there waiting for you ever since. She says to tell you to hurry. After all, 22 years is a long time to wait. I'm sending you a map to help you on your trip. Cornelia is at the cape.

Your brother,
Mark the mapmaker

Conrad was very excited, but alas, his map is not labeled. See if you can help. Use the clues below to identify the route that Conrad will take. Mark each underlined landmark on the map.

Part I: Map Labeling Instructions

1. Directly north of Africa is the Mediterranean Sea.
2. In the northeast corner of Africa is the Nile Delta where the Nile River empties into the Mediterranean.
3. Across North Africa stretches the Sahara Desert. It is as big as the United States.
4. On the west coast, several rivers empty into the Atlantic Ocean. The one farthest north is the Senegal River.
5. Directly to the south of the Senegal is the Gambia River.
6. Southeast of the Gambia flows the Niger River, which turns to the south. Its delta reaches the Atlantic.
7. To the east of the Niger in the Center of Africa is Lake Chad.
8. Go back to the Nile Delta. The river flowing into the delta is the Nile River. It flows from south to north.
9. Moving down the Nile (South), the branch that comes from the east is the Blue Nile.
10. The branch that moves on a more southward course is the White Nile.
11. The Western source of the White Nile is Lake Albert.
12. The main source of the Nile is the large lake, Lake Victoria.
13. To the west of Lake Victoria is the Zaire River, which empties into the Atlantic Ocean. This river used to be called the Congo.
14. East of the Zaire River is Lake Tanganyika.
15. To the east of Africa lies the Indian Ocean.
16. Southeast of Lake Tanganyika is Lake Nyasa (Malawi).
17. South of Lake Nyasa is the Zambezi River, which flows into the Indian Ocean.
18. South of the Zambezi is the Limpopo River, which also flows into the Indian Ocean.
19. Southeast of the Limpopo is the Orange River, which empties into Atlantic.
20. The southern tip of Africa is the Cape of Good Hope.
21. To the west of Africa is the Atlantic Ocean.

Part II: Map Conrad's Route

Check your map and make sure everything is labeled correctly. Conrad is at #2, the Nile Delta. The lovely (and impatient) Cornelia is at #20, the Cape of Good Hope. Draw a line for Conrad to reach Lovely Cornelia.