Environmental Issues in Africa

Review Questions

**Directions**: Answer the questions below with information that you have learned about the environmental issues that Africa is facing.

1. What water problems do African nations face?
2. Why do some governments ignore industrial pollution of major rivers?
3. What is a drought?
4. What is one part of Africa that is experiencing major problems with desertification?
5. What are the main causes of desertification in Africa?
6. What is life like for Africans who are forced to leave their farms for major cities?
7. What is the main cause of deforestation in Africa today?
8. What causes the amount of carbon dioxide in the air to increase?
9. Which African country is losing its rainforest the fastest?

Answer Key

1. lack of water; pollution from farms, factories, & human wastes
2. they want to factories to be profitable
3. period of very little rainfall
4. the Sahel
5. cutting down trees, overgrazing, draining soil, etc.
6. cities are becoming overcrowded and people live in extreme poverty
7. commercial logging
8. cutting down trees (oxygen)
9. Nigeria