This Is Africa

The Many Countries of Africa
The continent of Africa has more than 50 countries and many physical features. The world’s largest desert, the Sahara, stretches across North Africa. Savannas, rain forests, and other deserts are south of the Sahara. The Nile River flows from Lake Victoria to the Mediterranean Sea. The Suez Canal is near the end of the Nile.

Climate, Plants, and Animals
Most of Africa is warm all year. However, different regions receive different amounts of rainfall. Savannas have rainy and dry seasons. Rain forests are rainy year-round. Africa has natural resources such as rich soil, diamonds, and oil.

savanna noun, land with tall grass and few trees
rain forest noun, a forest that has many trees and lots of rain

Before You Read
Find and underline a form of each vocabulary word or term.

After You Read
Where is the Sahara located? Circle the sentence that tells the answer.

What natural resources does Africa have? Highlight the sentence that tells the answer.

SKILL Reading Maps
Where is the rain forest located? Circle the areas showing rain forest.