

Lesson 1 – Africa in Context **Earth 105 – Audio Transcript**

Hey everyone! This is your Environments of Africa Instructor, Dr. G taking you from lesson 0 now, finally, into lesson 1.

Introductions to each other...Dr. G. talks about some of the different hobbies and interests of students, etc.

Unfortunately we will not have a field trip to Africa, but I will do my best to take you to Africa along the way. So be sure to look at audio, video, photos, news stories, etc. that are posted throughout the course.

Pay attention to the announcements page in ANGEL. I will put most things on course announcements page rather than email the whole class so please pay attention to that and don't blow through it when you log into ANGEL.

Students should have completed the following in Lesson 0:

- Initial-course survey (Link in Lesson 0 folder)
- Pretest on your knowledge of Africa (Go to overview page in Lesson 0 folder, click on item #7)

If you do both of those plus the mid course survey, end of course, and post test you will get extra points at the end of the semester. This is an all or nothing deal. You must do all activities or you will get no extra points

Lesson 1 – Africa in Context

We will look at the entire continent from a broad perspective. We will not focus on specific details or regions until we get a lay out of the land. We will look at the human context, development context, and globalization in the continent. This will be a good general introduction for all of you.

Keep in mind: You must do the following within a week. Assignments must be completed within the week. After the week, we will move onto next lesson. I am very particular with deadlines. Nothing accepted late. All assignments in this course will be due on a Friday or a Sunday. For lesson 1 – Africa in Context, you have three assignments – one message board posting, the topic specific assignment of “Crossing the Sahara”, and the thought provoking assignment of “Africa’s Languages and the Environments.”

If you have any questions throughout the week, definitely get in touch with me through ANGEL email. Good luck!