

## Intercontinental Highway Letter Planning Pages

**Directions:** In this activity you will examine a map with a proposed intercontinental highway route. Based on your knowledge of physical features and climate and vegetation regions, you will need to write a letter to the World Bank where you must provide a rationale, that includes at least three reasons, for why the World Bank and African leaders might have rejected the proposed highway. In addition, you should provide at least one solution for the World Bank to consider as an alternate route. Again, your rationale and solution should be written in letter form.

To help you write your letter, use the research notes from your research, any class notes, and information from the maps to complete the attached planning pages. Please remember, this is a rough draft and provides a place for notes, ideas, and an opportunity to organize your information. This is not the final copy.

### **Memo: Final Proposal for Route across Africa**

**To:** The World Bank

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Subject:** Proposal for Route Across Africa

I have reviewed the initial proposal for the route across Africa. After my analysis I understand why this proposal has been rejected. This proposal was rejected because ...

**(At this point you should identify your three reasons for why this proposal was rejected. Be sure to explain why these reasons are important.)**

After considering the rejected highway route, I have designed an alternate proposal, which is included here in map form, accompanied by supporting documentation. The proposed highway meets the following criteria **(At this point, select at least three of the criteria below and explain why the new route that you proposed is worth considering. Be sure to explain how your new proposal meets this criteria.)**

- Crosses a major portion of the continent.
- Connects major population centers.
- Crosses \_\_\_\_\_ countries.
- Passes through the capital city of \_\_\_\_\_ on the Atlantic Ocean and the capital city of \_\_\_\_\_ on the Indian Ocean.
- Is practical and crucial to the economic development of Africa and the cost of constructing this route is reasonable.

I have emphasized the influence of the physical and human geographic features of the continent in designing my proposal. Keeping in mind the purposes of the highway, I submit that this proposed route is superior to the rejected plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

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The final draft of your essay is due on **Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

\*Your final draft must be either hand written in pen or typed.