

Introduction to the geography of Morocco



Use the map to answer the following questions about the geography of Morocco.

1. Morocco is on the continent of **Africa**.
2. Arizona is about 395 miles north to south. Use the scale on this map to approximate the length of Morocco, from the southernmost point to the northernmost point. **around 500 miles**
3. Arizona is about 340 miles west to east. Use the scale on this map to approximate the length of Morocco from west to east, at its widest point. **around 300 miles**
4. In the United States we have states. In Morocco they have a similar organizational unit called provinces. Name two provincial capitals in northern Morocco. **Tangier, Tetuoan, Al Hocema, Nador, others**
5. Name two provincial capitals in central Morocco: **Marrakesh, Azilal, Er Rachidia, others**

source for map: http://www.questconnect.org/images/morocco_map.jpg AZ stats: <http://www.city-data.com/states/Arizona-Location-size-and-extent.html>

6. Name two provincial capitals in southern Morocco: **Agadir, Tata, Tiznit, Tan Tan**

7.. What town is closest to the border with the Western Sahara? **Tarfaya**

8. What country is to the east of Morocco? **Algeria**

9. What ocean is to the west of Morocco? **Atlantic Ocean**

10. What European country is due north of Morocco? **Spain**

11. Use the key and find two towns or villages on this map. Write their names: **Many choices**

12. Latitude lines measure the location of a place in relationship to the equator. Morocco lies between about 26-36 degrees latitude. Using a pull down map or an atlas resource in your classroom or online, name 3 places in the United States that are at approximately the same latitude as Morocco. **Washington D.C. (38 degrees), Albuquerque (35 degrees), Phoenix, AZ (33 degrees), Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico (27 degrees), Hermosillo, Sonora, Mexico (29 degrees), San Diego, CA (32 degrees), Houston, TX (29 degrees), Atlanta, GA (32 degrees), Miami, FL (25 degrees), NM**

13. The Middle Atlas Mountains are forested and have sources of permanent water. They are home to many unique plant and animal species, including the endangered Barbary Macaque. Name one city or village near or in the Middle Atlas Mountains. **Kenifra, Taza, Fes, Boulemane, Midelt**

14. The High Atlas Mountains (Grand Atlas on this map) are in the south-central part of the country. They are very high, and also forested in places. Name a city or village near or in the Grand Atlas Mountains.

Azilal, Ouarzazete, Marrakesh

15. The ancient Anti-Atlas Mountains are the most southerly range in Morocco. They are dramatically folded, rocky, and bare mountains in which most streams and rivers run only intermittently. Name three cities, towns or villages close to or in the Anti-Atlas Mountains. **Tata, Tiznit**

16. Why do you think there are fewer towns and cities in or near the Anti-Atlas Mountains than in or near the Middle or Grand Atlas Mountains? **The Anti-Atlas Mountains do not have enough water to support large communities.**