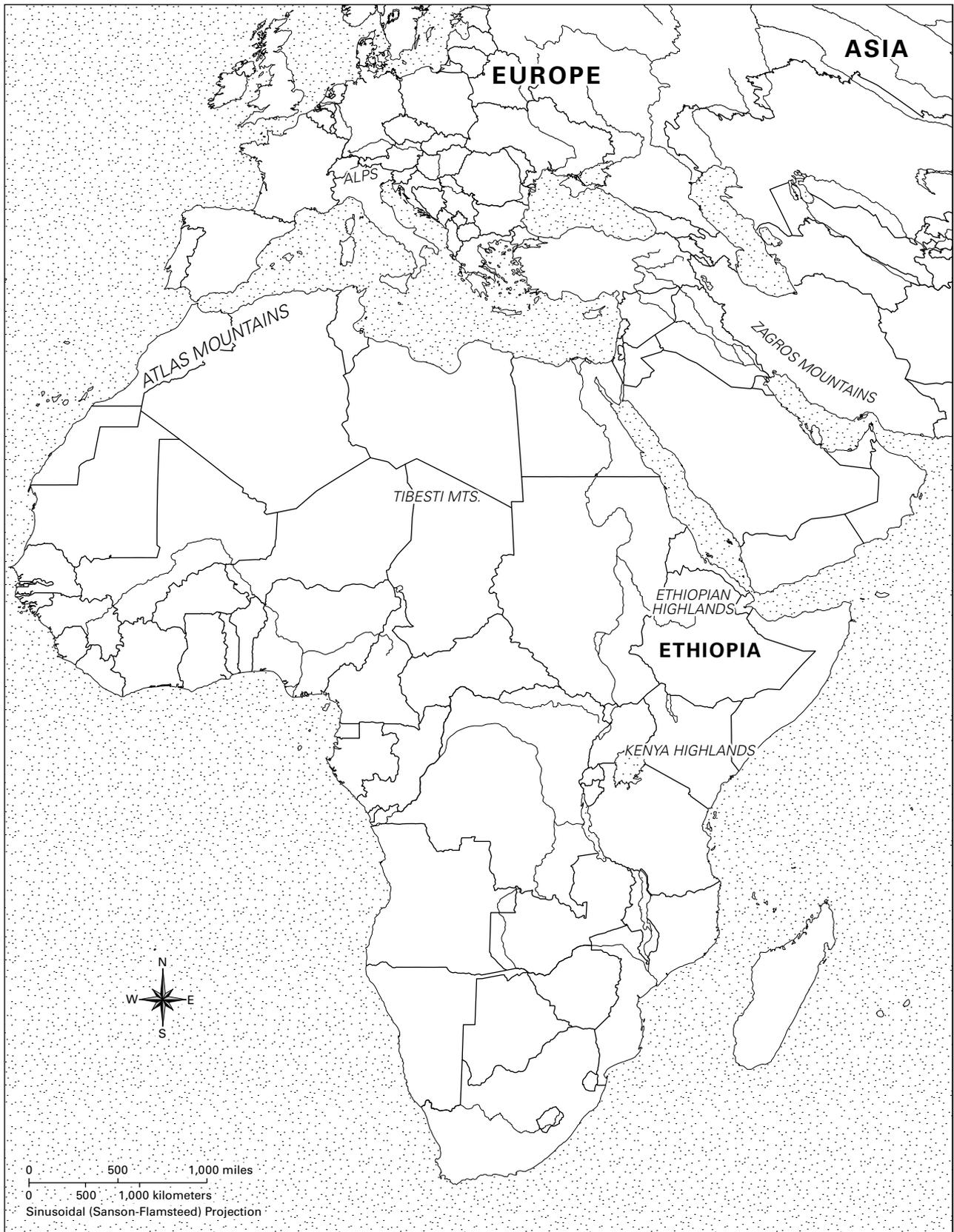


Africa and the Middle East



Geography Skills

Analyze the maps in “Setting the Stage” for Unit 1 in your book. Then answer the following questions and fill out the map as directed.

1. Locate the continent of Africa on the outline map. Label it. Which continent lies to the north of Africa? Which continent lies to the northeast of Africa?
2. Locate the Nile River and label it on your map. Into which body of water does the Nile River flow?
3. Locate the Nile River valley. Shade and label it on your map.
4. What is the Fertile Crescent?

Locate the Fertile Crescent on your map. Shade and label it. Which river(s) runs through the Fertile Crescent?

5. Label the body of water off the west coast of Africa. Also label the body of water off the north coast and east coast of Africa.
6. Check the map in the Unit 1 “Setting the Stage” in your book to find an early human fossil discovery that was made in the Great Rift Valley. On your outline map, use an *X* to mark the location of that discovery. Then label the Great Rift Valley.
7. Label the following features on your map: Sahara, Arabian Desert, Syrian Desert, Kalahari Desert, Namib Desert, Nubian Desert, Libyan Desert.
8. Most of the land of North Africa and the Middle East is desert. How did this affect the settlement of early people?

