



Ethiopian Highlands

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Region

- Home to 80% of Africa's mountains
- Ethiopia is one of the only countries to never be colonized
- Covers about $\frac{2}{3}$ of Ethiopia
- Formed by the remains of volcanoes in north eastern Ethiopia



Climate

- Has 3 different climate zones:
- Kolla (tropical zone): average temp. of about 27 degrees C (80 degrees F)
- Woina Dega (subtropical zone): average temp. of 22 degrees C (71 degrees F)
- Dega (cool zone): average temp. of 17 degrees C (62 degrees F)



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Landforms

- It is covered by a vast highland of mountains, plateaus, and lakes
- The highest point of the Ethiopian Highlands is Ras Dejen standing at 14,928 feet
- The lowest point of it is Afar Depression at -410 feet



Ras Dejen

Afar Depression



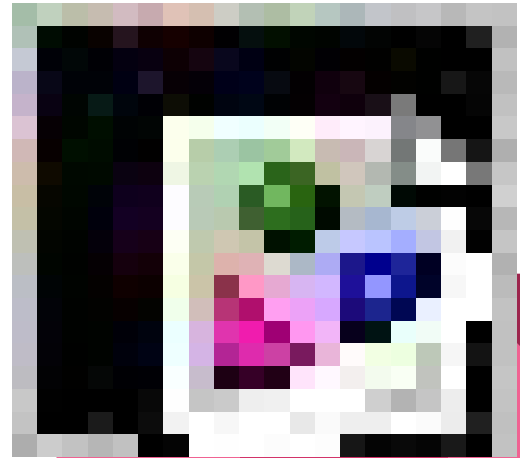
The Blue Nile

- The Blue Nile is a river originating at Lake Tana in Ethiopia
- The upper course of the river is called the Abay in Ethiopia, where many regard it as holy
- The river flows in and out of the lake and it flows around the Choke Mountains
- It is 907 miles long



Drought

- After being a place of agriculture for 7,000 years, the land is now mostly barren
- The land was used to cultivate coffee and teff (an endemic grain)
- The land reached its lowest in the 1900's in the 1985 famine
- Famine is still a large issue for Ethiopia's people



Wildlife

- The Ethiopian Wolf
- The Gelada Baboon
- Blue-Winged Goose

