

Reading Regional Data

Use map clues, symbols, and population data to study East Africa.

6.20.D "create and interpret regional sketch maps, thematic maps, graphs, and charts depicting aspects such as population, disease, and economic activities of various world regions and countries."

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1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each phrase that tells where one country is located compared with another country. Circle each fact that explains what a population or economic map could show.

East Africa Through Maps and Data

- ① East Africa can be studied with a regional sketch map. A useful sketch leaves out small details but shows country borders, labels, a north arrow, and a key. In this region, Uganda lies west of Kenya. Rwanda lies south of Uganda, and Burundi lies south of Rwanda. Tanzania borders Kenya to the south and lies east of Rwanda and Burundi.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, 2023

Country	Population, millions
Burundi	13.2
Kenya	55.1
Rwanda	14.1
Tanzania	66.6
Uganda	48.7

- ② The table gives estimated 2023 populations in millions. Tanzania has the largest population in this group, while Burundi has the smallest. A thematic population map could use darker shading for larger populations and lighter shading for smaller ones. The pattern would be about the data, not the physical size of a country. A population map uses people, not land area.
- ③ Maps can also show economic activities. In these five countries, coffee is an important export crop, and Kenya is especially known for tea exports. A thematic economic map might use a coffee-bean symbol where coffee is important and a leaf symbol for tea. Its key must explain the symbols. Comparing that map with the population table can raise useful questions.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Which country lies between Uganda and Burundi, based on the location clues in the passage?

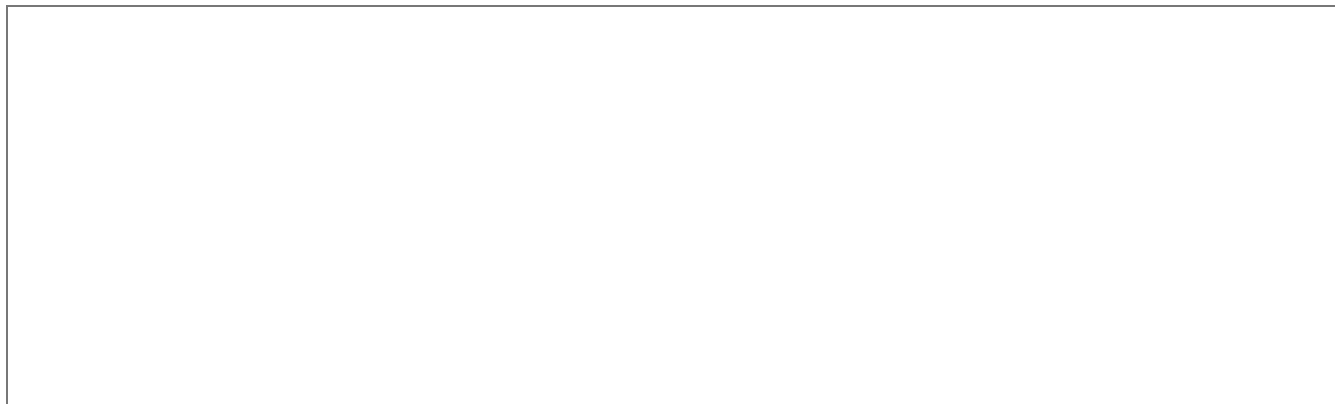
2 Which country lies east of Rwanda and Burundi and south of Kenya?

3 Use the table. Which country has the largest population, which has the smallest, and what is the difference between them?

4 What map feature explains the meaning of coffee-bean and leaf symbols? What would each symbol show on an economic map?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

In the box, create a regional thematic sketch map of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda. Add country labels, a north arrow, and a key. Use one population symbol for countries with more than 50 million people and a different symbol for countries with fewer than 50 million people. Add a coffee symbol for each country and a tea symbol for Kenya.



PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each phrase that tells where one country is located compared with another country. Circle each fact that explains what a population or economic map could show. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Which country lies between Uganda and Burundi, based on the location clues in the passage?	Rwanda.
2	Which country lies east of Rwanda and Burundi and south of Kenya?	Tanzania.
3	Use the table. Which country has the largest population, which has the smallest, and what is the difference between them?	Tanzania has the largest population, and Burundi has the smallest. The difference is 53.4 million people.
4	What map feature explains the meaning of coffee-bean and leaf symbols? What would each symbol show on an economic map?	A key explains the symbols. A coffee-bean symbol shows an area where coffee is important, and a leaf symbol shows tea.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

North arrow points up. Uganda is west of Kenya, Rwanda is south of Uganda, Burundi is south of Rwanda, and Tanzania is south of Kenya and east of Rwanda and Burundi. Key: dark dot means more than 50 million, open dot means fewer than 50 million, bean means coffee, and leaf means tea. Kenya and Tanzania have dark dots. Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda have open dots. All five countries have beans, and Kenya also has a leaf.

Accept correctly placed country relationships, even when the sketch is not to scale. For the population theme, Kenya and Tanzania must be in the more-than-50-million group, and Burundi, Rwanda, and Uganda must be in the fewer-than-50-million group.