

Latitude Illustrated in Africa

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a big geographic idea
(and a good place to study it)

Latitude

is important in Africa
because the rainy season gets
progressively shorter as you go
from equator to Tropic.

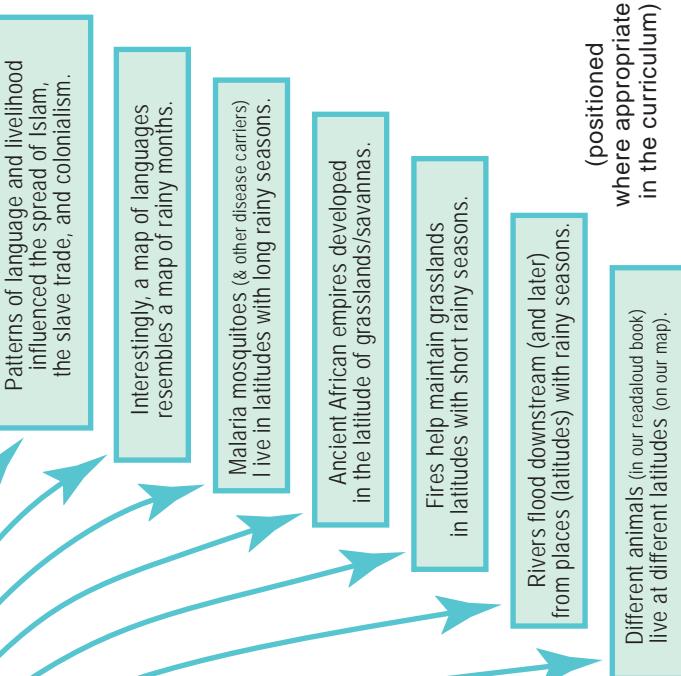
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Very approximate grade level

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some important
consequences
of the big idea



A discussion question:

What if global warming causes the Equatorial Rainy Belt to shift position, which in turn changes the geographic patterns of ecosystems, crops, fires, and disease?

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1 a scaffold of thinking skills
and background knowledge
that supports the big idea

