

## Asia (continued) Rivers

**Tigris (Iraq)**  
the easternmost of the  
two great rivers of  
Mesopotamia (cradle  
of western Asian civilization)

flows southward from the  
Taurus Mountains of Turkey  
into the Shatt-al-Arab  
(river of the Arabs)  
where it joins the Euphrates  
in flowing into the  
Persian Gulf

**Euphrates (Iraq)**  
the westernmost of the two great  
rivers of Mesopotamia  
flows southward from the Taurus  
Mountains into the  
Shatt al-Arab

## Africa Mountains

East African rift system  
creates the highest  
2 Mountains in Africa  
Kilimanjaro (Tanzania)  
19,341 ft. (5895 m)

Kenya (Kenya)  
17,057 ft. (5199 m)

The Atlas Mountains (Morocco)  
create a rain shadow  
in North Africa that  
helps create the  
Sahara Desert

## Deserts

### Sahara

Earth's largest non-polar desert  
Created by semi-permanent  
high pressure (subtropical ridge)  
at the horse latitudes