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With the highest time depth of human history and over 2,000 ethnolinguistic groups dwelling in ecosystems as diverse as the Sahara Desert and the Rainforest, Africa occupies a central position in the history of human populations.

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