

Understanding Sudan

A Teaching and Learning Resource



Suggested Question Bank

Definitions

In a sentence or two, students should define the following terms or discuss their relevance in terms of debates over desertification:

Desertification

Drought

Land Degradation

Desiccation

E.P. Stebbing

U.N. Conference on Desertification

UNEP

Pastoralist

Essay Questions

1. Describe the evolution of the term Desertification. Why has there been so much controversy over the use of this word?
2. How has desertification been used to explain the Darfur Conflict?
3. Explain different positions on desertification during the 1970s and 1980s. Discuss which views had greater policy ramifications.
4. Why does Jeremy Swift call desertification a narrative? How does the idea of narrative affect policy?