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Exploring the Wonders of Africa

Short Answer Key

1. The two major oceans that surround Africa are the Atlantic Ocean (to the west) and the Indian Ocean (to the east).
2. Africa is referred to as a continent of cultural diversity because it is home to thousands of different ethnic groups, languages, and traditions, each contributing to the continent's rich tapestry.
3. One famous African wildlife species is the African elephant, which plays a vital role in maintaining the ecological balance of its habitat and is important for tourism and conservation.
4. The "Big Five" animals in Africa (lions, elephants, buffalo, leopards, and rhinoceroses) are important for wildlife conservation because they are considered flagship species. Protecting them helps preserve the entire ecosystem and promotes tourism.
5. One major historical figure in Africa's struggle for independence is Nelson Mandela, who played a crucial role in ending apartheid in South Africa and became the country's first black president.

