



Ethiopia

CCSSR2: Determine **central ideas or themes** of a text and analyze their development; **summarize** the key supporting details and ideas.

Ethiopia is a country in Africa. It has a longer name. That name is officially the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. It is a country inside the continent. Other countries are all around it. It is a wonderful place. It has a great history. Its people are very proud of their history.

Ethiopia has many people. There are about 78 million people here. There is only one other country in Africa that has more people.

The country has different parts. There are three different climates. One part is cold. That is the high part. One part is hot. That is the low part. Another part is warm. That is a part that is in between low and high land. There are wonderful mountains. They are beautiful.

Every part of Ethiopia is special. Every place is beautiful. The people who live there make it a special place. They work hard to make it a good place to live.

Some people think Ethiopia is the first place people lived long ago. It has a long history. It is one of Africa's oldest countries. At first, there were different parts of this place. Different people led each part. Then it became one country. More than 150 years ago, one person united the country. He was the emperor.

Other African countries became colonies. That means they were taken over by other countries. Ethiopia did not have that problem. More than 100 years ago, the army of Ethiopia fought for freedom. They won that fight.

Ethiopia has important resources. It has gold. It has good land for farming. Many people farm. Many raise animals. They sell the food they raise.

Many people raise very beautiful flowers. They grow them. They sell them. The flowers are important. People in other countries buy them. Some of the roses people buy in the United States may have come all the way from Ethiopia!

Long ago when people first settled in Ethiopia it looked very different. There were not many people. People lived by hunting and getting food that grew there. Today, some people live in small places. Others live in big cities. They all know they live in a very special country.

If you visit Ethiopia, you will be glad you came. You will meet wonderful people. You will see many different places. Each place is very special. You will be in a country that has a very important history. You will be in a country with a great future.

Support the Main Idea

What is the main idea of this passage?

Underline five sentences in the passage that support that idea.