

Essential Question:

How does the strategic location of Somalia influence its **economic development** and **international relations**?



LEARNING TARGETS



- I can analyze the **strategic significance** of Somalia's location and geography, focusing on its impact on trade, cultural exchange, and geopolitical dynamics.
- I can explain how these factors influence Somalia's **economic development** and **international relations**.

Somalia's Strategic Location



Ancient Somalia



THE LAND of PUNT



U.S. Interests in Somalia



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U.S. Interests in Somalia: Trade

- Geographical Significance
- Critical shipping route
- Impact on U.S. interests



U.S. Military Interests in Somalia

- Oil Reserves
- Power Projection
- Historical Involvement



Strategic Partnerships

- Support for Somali Forces
- Geopolitical Stability
- 2-minute explanation:

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