Rift in Paradise Article Questions

Please read the National Geographic Article (October 2011 issue) and answer the following questions on your own notebook piece of paper.

1. Name the ecosystems of the rift valley.
2. What animals live in the rift valley?
3. What important mineral resources does the rift valley have?
4. What is the paradox of the rift valley?
5. Name at least 5 reasons why a place that is so rich in resources is in peril.
6. a. What is the number one resource that people want here?

b. Why is it in such demand?

1. How did the suspected lion killer kill the lions?
2. What conflict do the villagers have with the lions?
3. How is the hippo population doing on the Ishasha River? Be specific.
4. Why is Rodirgue Mugaruka a marked man?
5. a. Do you think the government should legally open up the national parks for its citizens or should it close it off for the sake of wildlife?

b. Why do you think this?

1. a. Briefly explain the social hierarchy of the Tutsi and the Hutu.

b. How does this hierarchy shape the environmental degradation we see today?

1. How did the Belgians encourage the caste system?
2. What kind of competition is happening in the rift valley (intraspecific or interspecific competition)?
3. Besides ethnic tensions, what else contributed to the genocide in Rwanda?
4. How does “Us(ing) rape as a weapon to destroy a generation” control population growth?
5. How does low human fertility correlate with increased wildlife?