

0.1 Nigeria: the sleeping giant:

the 'giant' of Africa

- Will be the third largest country by 2100
- has over 250 ethnic groups with unique traditions
- over 500 different languages spoken (although English is the only official language)
- Nigeria's independence in 1960
- Africa's largest economy
- its trying to diversify its economy

the failed state:

- lingering effects of colonization
- periods of military rule and political instability
- establishing democracy remains an ongoing process
- four in ten Nigerians live below the national poverty line
- faces significant socio-political challenges
- kidnapping and violent conflicts between ethnic groups