Zain Africa Challenge

A Wonderful World of Knowledge...Know More About It

Episode #2: Great Rift Valley

In tonight's "A Wonderful World...Know More About It" segment, we'll answer the question, "What caused Africa's Great Rift Valley?"

You may know that the Great Rift extends from Mozambique, along Malawi and Zambia, splitting into the Western and Eastern Rift valleys through Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya, before exiting Africa along the Red Sea.

But that's not the end of it. The Great Rift extends all the way to Syria and includes the Dead Sea and the Sea of Galilee.

To see how it was formed, take a flattened piece of paper in both hands. Then, slowly pull it apart. It will tear along irregular lines.

Similarly, the eastern portion of Africa is slowly but surely separating from the rest of the continent.

One day millions of years from now, the Red Sea will fill the Great Rift Valley, separating East Africa from West Africa.