

Selected Resources on Africa

Encyclopedias (print, at UNC):

Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara. John Middleton, ed. in chief. New York: C. Scribner's Sons, 1997.
DT351 .E53 1997. 4 vols.

10 years old, used copies available for sale on Amazon. Or available in Reference at Davis Library and Undergraduate Library at UNC.

Summarizing current knowledge of the world's second largest continent, this 4-volume set covers its people, its culture, and its complex history. Intended for students and the general reader, the *Encyclopedia* provides current and accurate information in over 1,000 articles on the sub-Saharan region. The articles describe such topics as the intricate ties of family and kinship, the complex matrix of government, politics, and law, and the beauties of African arts, cultures, and languages. There are individual entries on each nation in modern sub-Saharan Africa.

Encyclopedia of African peoples. New York : Facts on File, c2000.

[DT15 .E53 2000](#)

In Davis, Undergraduate Library and Stone Center Library.

Encyclopedia of African History and Culture. New York : Facts on File, c2001

[DT3 .P27 2005](#)

In Davis Library

Atlases and Almanacs (online):

Maps of Africa

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/maps/africa.html>

The Perry-Castañeda Library Map Collection at the University of Texas digital collection of maps. Not just Africa, but of many places in the world. Types of maps include the continent, individual countries, political and shaded relief maps.

16-20th Century Maps of Africa:

<http://www.library.northwestern.edu/govinfo/collections/maps/ofafrica/>

This site features detailed digital images of historic and antique maps of Africa dating from the 16th century to the mid 20th century. The site features a search function for the online map collection, as well as the ability to browse by country, date, and other information provided for each map. (Source: Northwestern University Library)

The World Factbook:

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

The World Factbook contains data provided by various components of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Bureau of the Census, and the US Department of State. Each edition supersedes the previous one. For various nationalities data is provided in the following categories: Geography; People; Government; Economy; Communications; Transportation; Military and Transnational Issues.

Resources from the Stone Center Library's Guide to the Web:

Complete list can be found at:

<http://www.lib.unc.edu/stone/webguide/index.html>

Selections from the Stone Center Guide:

DVD series:

Africa:

Companion site to the documentary *Africa*, which was produced by WNET, Nature, and National Geographic Television. Teachers will find resources to make learning about Africa an interactive classroom experience. Video clips, games, areas devoted specifically to child audiences, regional studies and photo essays round out the site's offerings. (Source: PBS)

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/africa/>

Wonders of the African World:

This site is the online companion to the PBS series *Wonders of the African World* with Professor Henry Louis Gates, Jr. The series is presented in six episodes, each of which focuses on different areas of the African Continent. Each episode includes information about the area, its natural and man-made 'wonders,' entries from Professor Gates' diary, and insights into the culture and history of the area and its peoples. This very rich site includes video and audio clips, pictures and text, resources for teachers, a special section for children, and much, much more. (Source: PBS)

<http://www.pbs.org/wonders/>

Picture sources:

[Africa Photos from the California Academy of the Sciences:](#)

This online photograph collection features digital images of "African animals, plants, landscapes, and people/culture." The site features a searchable database arranged by name, topic, country, or photographer. (Source: California Academy of Sciences)

<http://calphotos.berkeley.edu/cas/africa.shtml>

Arts:

[Africa: The Art of a Continent](#)

The exhibitions from the Guggenheim highlighted on this site "celebrate the extraordinary contribution of the African continent to the world's visual culture." The site includes information on artistic trends in Africa by region, exhibitions on African photography and film, and information on exhibits of African art throughout New York City. (Source: Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum)

<http://artnetweb.com/guggenheim/africa/>

[African Heritage Dancers & Drummers: Dances of West Africa Teacher's Program Guide](#)

This teacher's program guide presents information and resources on African cultural contributions in music and dance. Included are background information on African culture, African musical instruments, and African dances. A glossary and bibliography for further study are also included. (Source: African Heritage Dancers and Drummers)

<http://www.ahdd.org/contents.html>

[Visual Arts of Africa, The:](#)

This site provides information on the collections held at the Warren M. Robbins Library at the National Museum of African Art, which features

“more than 32,000 volumes covers all aspects of African visual arts, including sculpture, painting, printmaking, pottery, textiles, crafts, popular culture, photography, architecture, rock art, and archaeology.” The site also features an extensive list of links to further online resources on African Art. (Source: Smithsonian Institution Libraries)

<http://www.sil.si.edu/libraries/nmafa/>

Folktales:

[African Proverbs, Sayings and Stories](#)

This site features information and resources on African cultural proverbs, sayings and stories. The site includes examples of African proverbs, a proverb calendar, an African stories database, a message board, a bibliography, and other African cultural information. (Source: African Proverbs, Sayings and Stories)

<http://www.afriprov.org/>

History / Global Studies:

NC Live databases:

Choose ‘Advanced Search’ can limit to “Kids” resources (Primary search or Middle School search) or limit by specific database (including Britannica Online Kids Edition).

<http://nclive.org/index.phtml>

[Africa Focus: Sights and Sounds of a Continent](#)

Africa Focus is a collection of primary and secondary research and teaching materials collected by faculty and staff at the University of Wisconsin. The site features a searchable database in addition to full-text articles. (Source: University of Wisconsin Digital Collections)

<http://digicoll.library.wisc.edu/AfricaFocus/>

[African Voices](#)

“African Voices is a permanent exhibition that examines the diversity, dynamism, and global influence of Africa’s peoples and cultures over time in the realms of family, work, community, and the natural environment.” This online guide to the Smithsonian African Voices exhibit features audio files of interviews, an interactive timeline with digitized images, and a bibliography for further research. (Source: Smithsonian Institution – National Museum of Natural History)

<http://www.mnh.si.edu/africanvoices/>

The Story of Africa:

The information in this site, provided by African historians, seeks to showcase the history of the African continent "from an African perspective." Included are detailed essays and audio excerpts from The Story of Africa radio programs on different periods of African history organized by topic and country. (Source: BBC)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/africa/features/storyofafrica/index.shtml>

Aluka (access at UNC-Chapel Hill Libraries):

Aluka includes African-related archival documents, periodicals, books, reports, manuscripts, and reference works, three-dimensional models, maps, oral histories, plant specimens, photographs, and slides. The subject emphases are struggles for freedom in southern Africa, cultural heritage sites and landscapes, and native plants.

<http://www.aluka.org/>

Standard Publisher Series:

Various African countries represented in each series

Cultures of the World. Marshall Cavendish Corporation. Grades 4-6.

Enchantment of the World (series). Children's Press. Grades 4-6.

Lands, Peoples and Cultures (series) Crabtree Publishing Company. Grades 4-6.

Longman African Writers (series). Longman. Grades 10-12.

Many cultures, One World (series). Blue Earth Books. Grades 1-3.

Activities:

Lower School:

Africa (True Books, Continents)	Peterson, David	Africa (general)	Activities (Ages 4-8)
Africa for Kids: Exploring a Vibrant Continent, 19 Activities (For Kids series)	Croze, Harvey	Africa (general)	Activites (Gr. 4-7)
Pyramids: 50 Hands-On Activities to Experience Ancient Egypt (Kaleidoscope Kids)	Hart, Avery, Paul Mantell and Michael Kline	Egypt (Ancient)	Activities (Ages 6-12)

Middle and Upper:

Africa for Kids: Exploring a Vibrant Continent, 19 Activities (For Kids series)	Croze, Harvey	Africa (general)	Activites (Gr. 4-7)
Pyramids: 50 Hands-On Activities to Experience Ancient Egypt (Kaleidoscope Kids)	Hart, Avery, Paul Mantell and Michael Kline	Egypt (Ancient)	Activities (Ages 6-12)

Folktales:

Nelson Mandela's Favorite African Folktales	Mandela, Nelson	Africa (general)	African Folktales
Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters	Step toe, John (illustrator)	Africa (unspecified)	African Folktales
Fire on the Mountain	Kurtz, Jane (author), E.B. Lewis (Illustrator)	Ethiopia	African Folktales
Mama Panya's Pancakes: A Village Tale from Kenya (Paperback)	Chamberlin, Mary (Author), Rich Chamberlin (Author), Julia Cairns (Illustrator)	Kenya	African Folktales
A Story a Story	Haley, Gail E.	Africa (general)	African Folktales-anansi (spider) story
The Hunterman and the Crocodile	Diakite, Baba Wague	West Africa	African Folktales
Sundiata an Epic of Old Mali (2nd Edition) (Longman African Writers Series)	Niane, D. T.	Mali (ancient)	Folktale (high school only)

Readers' Advisory (Fiction and Non-fiction):

Lower School:

Title	Author	Country	Topic
Circle Unbroken	Raven, Margot Theis	West Africa	Fiction--basketmaking
The Day Gogo	Batezat Sisulu	South Africa	Fiction

Went to Vote	(author) and Sharon Wilson (illustrator)		(apartheid/democracy in South Africa)
Mama Elizabeti	Stuve-Bodeen, Stephanie (author) and Christy Hale (Illustrator)	Africa (general)	Fiction
Amistad Rising: A Story of Freedom	Chambers, Veronica (author) and Paul Lee (illustrator)	Africa (non-specific), US slave trade	Non-fiction (Slave trade) (grades 3-6)
Ashanti to Zulu: African Traditions	Musgrove, Margaret (author) and Diane Dillon (illustrator)	Africa (general)	Non-fiction (Customs, Traditions)
Beatrice's Goat	McBrier, Page and Lori Lohstoeter	Uganda	Global/International Studies—Charitable Organizations
Planting the Trees of Kenya: The Story of Wangari Maathai (Frances Foster Books)	Nivola, Claire A.	Kenya	Global/International Studies—Green Belt Movement

Middle and Upper:

Title	Author	Country	Topic
Copper Sun	Draper, Sharon M.	Ghana	Historical Fiction (slave trade)
Chain of Fire	Naidoo, Beverley (author) and Eric Velasquez (illustrator)	South Africa	Fiction (Apartheid)
A Girl Named Disaster	Farmer, Nancy	Mozambique	Fiction
Home of the	Applegate,	Sudan	Fiction

Brave	Katherine		
Journey to Jo'burg: A South African Story	Naidoo, Beverley (author) and Eric Valasquez (illustrator)	South Africa	Fiction (Apartheid)
A Story Like the Wind	Van der Post, Laurens	southern Africa	Fiction
Things Fall Apart	Achebe, Chinua	Nigeria	Fiction (Classics) (High school)
African Beginnings	Haskins, James	African (general) (ancient)	Non-fiction
Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna (National Geographic)	Lemasolai, Joseph and Herman Viola	Kenya	Non-fiction (memoir)
Mali: Land of Gold and Glory	Masoff, Joy	Mali (ancient)	Non-fiction
One Hen - How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference	Milway, Katie Smith	Ghana	Global/International Studies--Microloans
Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You (Hardcover)	Jansen, Hanna and Elizabeth D. Crawford	Rwanda	Global/ International Studies—Rwandan massacre, Hutu/Tutsi conflict
Tut's Mummy: Lost...And Found (Step-Into-Reading, Step 4)	Donnelly, Judy and James Watling.	Egypt (Ancient)	Non-fiction