A is for Africa

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GOAL
Learning about continents can be fun and exciting! The goal of *A is for Africa* is to give children the opportunity to learn about Africa's people, land, culture, and customs by participating in educational and enriching classroom activities and projects. Reading African literature books and non-fiction books will increase students' knowledge of Africa and give them a better understanding of Africa's culture.

OBJECTIVES:
1. participate in shared reading activities using African folktales
2. participate in cooperative group activities
3. respond to literature through writing, art, and musical activities
4. publish writing: class-made or individual book
5. recognize and complete patterns by color and shape
6. associate standard word names with one digit numerals
7. reads, identifies, and understands vocabulary words
8. locate cities, states, and nations on a world map or globe
9. identify and locate continents
10. identify different landforms
11. recognize contributions of various cultural groups
12. share traditions and customs of students' families
LESSON PLANS

Reading/Writing
Objectives: Participate in shared reading activities, publish writing in the form of a class-made or individual book, write complete sentences. Materials: chart paper, manila paper, markers, paper, pencils, crayons Activity: List facts about Africa on chart paper. Have students read each fact. Instruct students to write one fact at the bottom of each paper and illustrate. Bind papers to make individual or class books.

Language Arts
Objective: Read, identify, and understand key vocabulary words. Materials: word list, markers, pencils, index cards, A-Z list Activity: Write African words on the board or chart paper. Give students the opportunity to practice reading the words. Write one word on each index card. Assign partners for flashcard drills using the word cards.

Math
Science
Objective: Name and identify African animals.
Materials: animal books, crayons, manila paper, pencils
Activity: Read books about African animals. Draw pictures of different African animals. Use the pictures to make an African Animals bulletin board.

Social Studies
Objective: Identify land features of Africa.
Materials: manila paper, crayons, pencils, pictures
Activity: Display pictures of the following: mountain, grassland, rain forest, river, desert, lake. Fold paper into six sections. Draw a picture for each word and label.

Art
Objective: Design an African mask.
Materials: construction paper, scissors, glue

Music
Objective: To appreciate African music.
Materials: African songs, tapes and tape recorder
Activity: Listen to African music and explore the rhythm through movement.
INTERESTING FACTS

Africa is the second largest continent.

Africa is three times as large as the United States.

The Nile River is the world's longest river.

Mount Kilimanjaro is Africa's tallest mountain. The top is covered with snow year-round.

Lake Victoria is the third largest freshwater lake in the world.

The Sahara is the world's largest desert.

Lake Tanganyika is the world's largest lake.

Nigeria has the largest Black population in the world.

The richest gold-bearing rocks were discovered in the South Africa.

The Sahara has the highest sand dunes in the world.

South Africa is the wealthiest country in Africa.

Africa has some of the world's largest reserves of gold, diamonds and other minerals.

More than 1000 languages are spoken in Africa.

South Africa and Zaire produces most of the world's supply of diamonds and gold.

South Africa is Africa's leader in mineral income and manufacturing. The majority of Africa's export earnings come from mineral extraction. Textiles, shoes, bicycles, food and building materials are manufactured in Africa.
Nigeria, Libya, Algeria, and Angola are major world producers of petroleum.

Zaire has the world's largest radium supply.

More than 3000 ethnic groups live in Africa.

Africa produces more than one half of the world's supply of peanuts and cloves.
BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Africa's Climate
Africa's climate is mostly tropical and subtropical. The lowlands near the Equator receive rain throughout the year.

Africa's Animals
The grassland animals include elephants, giraffes, zebras, hippos, antelopes, lions, jackals, and hyenas. Monkeys, bats, squirrels, gorillas, and leopards live in the rain forests of Africa. Native African animals include the African red deer, the aoudad, the ibex, and the jerboa. Locusts, termites, tsetse flies, hookworms and mosquitoes are harmful insects that invade the tropical regions of Africa. Cattles, sheeps, goats, pigs and camels can also be found in Africa. Wildlife preserves have been set up to protect Africa's animals.

Africa's Economy and Agriculture
The traditional way of life for Africans included hunting, gathering, raising crops, and livestock herding. Money is earned by growing crops, mining and manufacturing. Africa's economic resources, industrial and agricultural production are being developed to provide a better way of life. Yams, corn, millet, and rice are the staple foods. Food is imported to provide for Africa's increasing population. Drought, overpopulation, lack of money, poor soil and inadequate farming methods have contributed to Africa's famine condition. Africa produces a large supply of palm kernels, palm oil, cocoa, cotton, tea, coffee, rubber and peanuts. The forests of Africa provide ebony, mahogany, cork and other timbers that are used for making furniture and other items.
Africa's Mining and Manufacturing
Africa is rich in mineral resources. Africans have mined and processed minerals for many years. Minerals were exported by African traders and Europeans. South Africa and Zimbabwe are the largest mining areas. They also have large coal fields. Libya and Algeria have large deposits of petroleum and natural gas.

During colonial times Africans exported raw materials. Now, African countries are developing their own manufacturing industries that will be used to export processed goods. Agricultural materials and household goods are manufactured.

Africa's Religion
Christianity and Islam are the most widespread religions in Africa. Some Africans combine Christianity with traditional African religions which believe in ancestral spirits.

African Art and Music
Africans have expressed themselves for many years using painting and sculpture. Rock paintings, engravings, clay figures, and bronze statues are a part of African heritage.

Music has always played a key role in Africa. It is used during special ceremonies. American and European music have been influenced by African music.

Musical instruments are made using tree trunks and animal skins. Flutes and trumpets are made from wood, reeds, and metal.
AFRICA'S WONDERs

Pyramids of Giza
Mount Kilimanjaro
Nile River
Sahara Desert
Victoria Falls
Livingstone Mountains
Kalahari Desert
Mount Kenya
Zambezi River
Ituri Rain Forest
Serengeti National Park
Great Rift Valley
The Sphinx
The Niger
Tsavo National Park
Africa From A-Z

A- Africa, animals, apartheid, ancestor

B- baskets, bendera

C- cotton, camel, cacao beans, cassava, culture, copper, cornrows, custom

D- diamonds, desert, drum, dashikis, dance, 'dark continent'

E- export, explore, Egyptians

F- farm, fufu, freedom, fight, fabric, fish

G- grassland, gold, gele, Gold Coast

H- hut, homeland, hunt, hieroglyphics

I- Imhotep, independant, Ivory Coast

J- jewelry

K- kings, Kilimanjaro, Kwanzaa, kente cloth, kingdoms

L- lake, land

M- mountain, Mandela, mask, mortar, mancala, mines, Motherland, maize

N- Nile, nomad

O- oil, oasis

P- pyramids, plains, pottery, plants, palm nuts, pygmies

Q- queens
R - rain forest, resources, river, rituals
S - savanna, slaves, Swahili, Sahara, sanddunes, Shaka
T - tribe, trade
U - unity
V - village, vegetables, valley
W - wheat, weave, wood
X - xhosa
Y - yams
Z - Zaire
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# WORD LIST

**AFRICAN ANIMALS**
- Aardvark
- Aardwolf
- Addax
- African Elephant
- Angelfish
- Barbary Sheep
- Bat-Eared Fox
- Black Rhinoceros
- Bongo
- Brown Hyena
- Bushbuck
- Bushpig
- Cape Buffalo
- Chacma Baboon
- Chameleon
- Cheetah
- Chimpanzee
- Colobus Monkey
- Common Waterbuck
- Crested Porcupine
- Crocodile
- Dorcas Gazelle
- Dromedary
- Eared Vulture
- Eland
- Fennec
- Giant Forest Hog
- Giraffe
- Gorilla
- Grant’s Gazelle
- Greater Kudu
- Grevy’s Zebra
- Hedgehog
- Hippopotamus
- Honey Badge

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A IS FOR AFRICA
**PEOPLE**
friend - rafiki
mother - mama
father - baba
brother - nudugu
sister - dada
baby - mtoto
girl - msichana
boy - kijana
man - mtu
woman - mwanamke
doctor - mganga
nurse - mlezi
aunt - shangazi

**NUMBERS**
one - moja
two - mbili
three - tatu
four - nne
five - tano
six - sita
seven - saba
eight - nane
nine - tisa
ten - kumi

**DAYS OF THE WEEK**
Sunday - Jumapili
Monday - Jumatatu
Tuesday - Jumanne
Wednesday - Jumatano
Thursday - Alhamisi
Friday - Ijumaa
Saturday - Jumamosi

**SWAHILI MONTHS**
January - Januari
February - Februari
March - Machi
April - Apili
May - Mei
June - Juni
July - Julai
August - Agosti
September - Septemba
October - Oktoba
November - Novemba
December - Disemba

**COLORS**
red - nyekundu
blue - buluu
yellow - manjano
white - nyeupe
black - nyeusi
green - kijani kibichi
purple - zambarau
brown - hudhurungi

**PLACES**
school - shule
office - afisi
theater - sinema
park - bustani
church - kanisa

**THINGS**
pencil - kalamu ya mate
ball - mpira
table - meza
shoe - kiatu
book - kitabu
hat - kofia

**FOOD**
meat - nyama
beans - kunde
cgg - yai
chicken - kuku
cake - keki
corn - mahindi
bread - mkate
banana - ndizi
fish - samaki
rice - mchele
cheese - chisi
candy - kashata
vegetables - mboga
soup - mchuzi
fruit - matunda

**BASIC PHRASES**
hello - jambo
good-bye - kwaheri
thank you - asante
please - tafadhali
stop - simama

How are you?
Habari yako?

What is your name?
Jina lako nani?

My name is___.
Jina langu____.

You are welcome.
Si kitu.
SWEET BALLS (Ghana)

Ingredients:
1 egg 1/2 t. salt 3 t. baking powder 1 1/2 C. sugar
1/2 t. nutmeg 1 1/2 C. warm water vegetable oil
4 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

Directions:
1. Combine egg, salt, baking powder, sugar, and nutmeg in a large bowl and stir. Add 1 1/2 cups warm water and stir.

2. Gradually stir in flour to stiffen dough. Make sure dough is only slightly sticky.


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PATTERN POWER Color the shapes. Cut apart. Glue the shapes on a strip of paper to make a pattern.
Beadwork was used for personal adornment. Masks, thrones, and statues were covered with beads. Color the beads to make a pattern.
Africa is the second largest continent. It is bigger than the United States. Cut out the pictures on page 24 and glue them on the map of Africa.
Color, cut out and glue on page 23.
SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAG  South Africa is rich in mineral resources. Use the color code to color the flag.

Color Code:  1- red  2- blue  3- black
             4- green  5- yellow  6- white
AFRICAN SYMBOLS  A symbol is something that stands for something else. Symbols serve an important purpose in Africa. Each symbol has a special meaning. Draw and design your own symbol of love.

independence  history  hope

LOVE
African women carried ashanti dolls. They believed the doll would keep their children healthy. Cut out the doll pattern and trace on tagboard. Use fabric, yarn, markers and other materials to decorate the doll.
Color the pattern using bright, bold colors. Cut out and glue on contrasting construction paper.
African fabrics have interesting patterns and bold colors. Design your own African fabric using different lines and shapes.
Make several copies of this page and make an A-Z African Alphabet Book.
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A IS FOR AFRICA
T: moja one
mountain

A rhinoceros has horns. Their horns protect them from other animals. He rhinoceros is the only African giant.

Elephants are the largest land mammals. They have big heads and their tusks are really long. From their tusks they make beautiful pots and fabrics.
BOOK LIST

Alphabet
African Animals - Philippa-Alys Browne
Aaron and Gayla's Alphabet Book - Eloise Greenfield
A is for Africa - Onyefulu
Ashanti To Zulu: African Traditions - Margaret Musgrove
A is for Africa - Ife Nii Owuo

Counting
Moja Means One - Muriel Feelings
Count Your Way Through Africa - Jim Haskins
Aaron and Gayla's Counting Book - Eloise Greenfield
One Sun Rises - Wendy Hartman

Folktales
Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears - Verna Aardema
Imani in the Belly - Deborah Newton Chocolate
Anansi - Brian Gleeson
Why The Sun And The Moon Live In The Sky - Elphinstone Dayrell
Rabbit Makes a Monkey of Lion - Verna Aardema
Bimwill and the Zimwi - Verna Aardema
Spider and the Sky God - Deborah Newton Chocolate
Anansi Finds a Fool - Verna Aardema
African Animal Tales - Rogerio Andrade Barbosa
Tales From The African Plains - Anne Gatti
Talk, Talk - Deborah Newton Chocolate
The Adventures of Spider - Joyce Cooper Arkhurst
African Myths and Legends - Kathleen Arnott
Anansi The Spider - Gerald McDermott
The Magic Tree - Gerald McDermott
African American Folktales - Richard & Judy Young
Anansi the Spider Man - Philip Sherlock
Tabu and the Danung Elephants - Rene Deetlefs
The Fire Children - Eric Maddern
Emerald Tree - Janet P. Craig
Bury My Bones But Keep My Words - Tony Fairman
West African Trickster Tales - Martin Bennett
Gollo And The Lion - Eric Oyono
Kofi And His Magic - Maya Angelou

A IS FOR AFRICA
Resource Books
African Animals - John W. Purcell
The African Lion - Carl Green & William Sanford
Africa - D.V. Georges
South Africa - Karen Jacobsen
Lessons From History / A Celebration in Blackness - Jawanza Kunjufu
The Ashanti of Ghana - Sonia Bleeker
Grassland Animals - Michael Chinery
From Afar to Zulu / African Cultures - Jim Haskins & Joann Blondi
Exploration Into Africa - Isimeme Ibazebo
Southern Africa - Nick Middleton
Africa - Yvonne Ay
Africa - Dr. Jocelyn Murray
Swahili Phrase Book - Theopolis Gilmore & Shadrack O. Kwasa
Swahili (Language 30) - Educational Services
A is For Africa - Ifeoma Onyefulu
First Book About Africa - Veronica Ellis
Africa Is Not A Country - Dr. Arthur Lewin
The Great Migration - Walter D. Myers
Africa's Animal Giants - Jane McCauley
Book of Black Heroes - Wade Hudson & Valerie Wesley
My First Martin Luther King Book - Dee Lillegard
Young Martin Luther King Jr. - Joanne Mattern
In Our Own Image - The People's Publishing Group
Kids Explore African-American Heritage - Westridge Young Writer's Workshop
Famous Firsts of Black Americans - Sibyl Hancock

Kwanzaa
Kwanzaa - Deborah N. Chocolate
Kwanzaa - A.P. Porter
My First Kwanzaa Book - Deborah N. Chocolate
The Seven Days of Kwanzaa - Angela S. McDearis
Kwanzaa - Cedric McClester
The Story of Kwanzaa - Donna L. Washington
It's Kwanzaa Time - Linda & Clay Moss
Seven Candles for Kwanzaa - Andrea D. Pinkney
Imani's Gift of Kwanzaa - Denise B. Patman
A Very Special Kwanzaa - Debbi Chocolate
Kwanzaa - Freeman & Macmillan

A IS FOR AFRICA
Poetry / Songs / Crafts
Shake it to the One You Love the Best - Cheryl W. Mattox
Honey, I Love - Eloise Greenfield
Make A Joyful Sound - Deborah Slier
Followers of the North Star - Susan Altman & Susan Lechner
Soul Looks Back and Wonder - Tom Feelings
Under The Sunday Tree - Eloise Greenfield
Pass It On - Wade Hudson
Make A Joyful Sound - Deborah Shine
Families - Dorothy & Michael Strickland
Crafts for Kwanzaa - Kathy Ross
Kwanzaa Karamu - April Brady

Stories
The Sunday Outing - Gloria Jean Pinkney
Chicken Sunday - Patricia Polacco
Bigmama's - Donald Crews
When Africa Was Home - Karen Lynn Williams
Tell Me A Story, Mama - Angela Johnson
More Than Anything Else - Marie Bradby
We Keep a Store - Anne Shelby
Wood-Hoopoe Willie - Virginia Kroll
Father and Son - Denize Lauture
Masai and I - Virginia Kroll
Aunt Flossie's Hats - Elizabeth F. Howard
A Chair for My Mother - Vera B. Williams
I Love My Family - Wade Hudson
A Kente Dress for Kenya - Juwanda G. Ford
Somebody's New Pajamas - Isaac Jackson
Hi, Cat - Ezra Jack Keats
Matthew and Tilly - Rebecca C. Jones
Jaffa --- The Town - Hugh Lewin
Shawn Goes to School - Petronella Breinburg
Working Cotton - Sherley A. Williams
Oh, Koko! How Could You - Verna Aardema
Jaha and Jamil Went Down the Hill - Virginia Kroll
Learning to Swim in Swaziland - Nita Leigh
Africa Brothers and Sisters - Virginia Kroll
Meet Danitra Brown - Nikki Grimes
Stories con'd
Feast For Ten - Cathryn Falwell
When I Am Old With You - Angela Johnson
The Best Bug To Be - Dolores Johnson
Amazing Grace - Mary Hoffman
Granpa's Song - Tony Johnston
Papa's Stories - Dolores Johnson
What Kind of Babysitter is This? - Dolores Johnson
Over The Green Hills - Rachel Isadora
Your Dad Was Just Like You - Dolores Johnson
The Leaving Morning - Angela Johnson
Do Like Kyla - Angela Johnson
You're My Nikki - Phyllis Eisenberg
Three Wishes - Lucille Clifton
Jamaica Tag-Along - Juanita Havill
Joshua's Masai Mask - Dakuri Hru
All Colors of the Earth - Sheila Hamanaka
Tell Me A Story, Mama - Angela Johnson
The Patchwork Quilt - Valerie Flourney
Me And Nessie - Eloise Greenfield
Grandma's Joy - Eloise Greenfield
Grandpa's Face - Eloise Greenfield
Nathaniel Talking - Eloise Greenfield
I'm Gonna Be - Wade Hudson
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain - Verna Aardema
Cherries and Cherry Pits - Vera Williams
A Story A Story - Gail E. Haley
Zora Hurston and the Chinaberry Tree - William Miller
Two and Too Much - Mildred Pitts Walker
Jenny - Beth Wilson
When Africa Was Home - Karen L. Williams