

Clothing in Africa

Grade Level: K-2

Subject Area: Social Studies

Objectives:

Students will understand the following:

1. Clothing attire varies according to climate and geographic locations.
2. Cultural differences have an influence upon how we dress

Procedure

Show the class pictures of different kinds of clothing that children, men, and women wear in Africa. Then show pictures of clothing that are worn in America. Start a class discussion about clothing and the different types of clothes that people wear.

- Why do you think people in Africa wear these particular clothes?
- Why is there so many different types of clothing that are worn in Africa?
- How are the African clothes alike or different from the clothing worn by children, men, and women in your community?
- How does the clothing worn in your area compare with other parts of the United States?
- If you and an African child could exchange clothing with one other, what article of clothing would you want to give away, and what one article of clothing would you want to receive? Why?



Have the students create a montage using different colored fabrics to show the type of clothing that is worn in Africa compared to that worn in the United States. Use the templates that follow.



Style 1



Style 2

Suggested Readings

Africa

Colm Regan. Austin, Texas: Raintree Steck-Vaughn, 1997

- Study the countries of Africa and learn their geography, their history, resources, environment, and about the people.

The Sahara and Its People

Simon Scoones. New York: Thomson Learning, 1993.

This book will show you what it's like to live in the Sahara desert. Read about the natural environment, how people trade across the desert, how they try to grow crops, and more.





