



## Guatemala

### *Digital Resources & Children's Books*

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#### **Kid-Friendly Videos:**

Slideshow of beautiful Guatemala: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vEswDcaX9E>

La Marimba performance at the American Folklore Center:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BNh2k3Zmm2M>

Traditional Mayan Dance: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzOGmK2\\_r6k](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzOGmK2_r6k)

National Geographic on Mayan temples:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kyvw6G9Max0>

Jeugo de Pelota (Ball game): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6\\_3aNH5v1NM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6_3aNH5v1NM)

Different Types of Weaving in Guatemala:  
<https://www.educationandmore.org/pages/backstrap-weaving-in-guatemala>

#### **Websites:**

Easy Science for Kids: <http://easyscienceforkids.com/all-about-guatemala/>

Ducksters: <http://www.ducksters.com/geography/country.php?country=Guatemala>

NatGeo Kids:  
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/countries/guatemala/#guatemala-volcano.jpg>

TIME for kids: <http://www.timeforkids.com/destination/guatemala>

Fact Monster: <http://www.factmonster.com/country/guatemala.html>

CIA World Factbook (+8 gr) : <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/gt.html>

## Lesson Plans:

Teacher's Guide for Abuela's Weave (Grades 1-4):

[https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2350/teachers\\_guide](https://www.leeandlow.com/books/2350/teachers_guide)

Lesson plans, games, history, etc. (K-12): <http://countries.mrdonn.org/guatemala.html>

Read like a Historian Guatemalan History Worksheet (+9 grade):


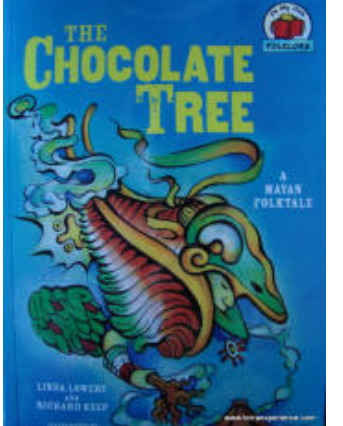
[http://sheg.stanford.edu/upload/Lessons/Unit%2011\\_Cold%20War/Guatemala%20Lesson%20Plan.pdf](http://sheg.stanford.edu/upload/Lessons/Unit%2011_Cold%20War/Guatemala%20Lesson%20Plan.pdf)

Lesson Plan; El Questzal (K-3): <http://promos.santillanausa.com/PDF/Literature%2009-09-09/Gateways%20to%20the%20sun/The%20Quetzal's%20Journey%20LP.pdf>

Scholastic information on Guatemala (teacher resource):

<http://www.scholastic.com/teachers/article/guatemala>

## Children's Books:

	<p><b>Title:</b> Maya Arts and Crafts of Guatemala: Artes &amp; Artesanias Mayas de Guatemala (Coloring Book) <b>Author:</b> Marilyn Anderson <b>Grade:</b> Pre K-6 <a href="http://manderson.home.igc.org/artandbooks1.html">http://manderson.home.igc.org/artandbooks1.html</a> <b>Summary:</b> This coloring book is intended to provide an informative guide to Guatemalan Maya arts and crafts that can help to increase young people's awareness not only of the value of crafts but also their fragility. The hope is that the book can help them to better appreciate arts and crafts, to recognize the extent to which industrialization has transformed the role of crafts in their own society, and to understand the impact of such transformation on the lives of the Maya and other peoples whose societies are rapidly changing today.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The Chocolate Tree: A Mayan Folktale <b>Author:</b> Linda Lowery <b>Grade:</b> 2-4 <b>Publisher:</b> Millbrook Press <b>ISBN:</b> 1580138519 <b>Summary:</b> The perfect book for anyone (of any age) that loves chocolate, Guatemala and/or Mayan stories. Ever wonder where chocolate came from? We have the Mayan king Kukulcan to thank...But there is a just one problem, Kukulcan's borther, Night Jaguar, doesn't want regular people to have chocolate...</p>

	<p><b>Title:</b> Guatemala (Children of the World)  <b>Author:</b> Children of the World  <b>Grade:</b> K-5  <b>Publisher:</b> Gareth Stevens Publishing  <b>ISBN:</b> 0836871170  <b>Summary:</b> Presents the life of a young Mayan Indian girl in a Guatemalan lakeside village, describing her family, her day-to-day life, and the history, political system, and customs of her country.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Abuela's Weave (El Tapiz de Abuela disponible solo en Espanol)  <b>Author:</b> Omar S. Castanega  <b>Grade:</b> 2-4 (fun for K-5)  <b>Publisher:</b> Abe Books  <b>ISBN:</b> 0395810965  <b>Summary:</b> A favorite for introducing young children to the Mayan culture, weaving, and family traditions. A granddaughter, Esperanza, learns from her "Abuela" (grandmother) how to weave and they take an intergenerational trip on a "chicken" bus to the city to sell their beautiful work.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Gracias Rosa  <b>Author:</b> Michelle Markel  <b>Grade:</b> 1-4  <b>Publisher:</b>  <b>ISBN:</b>  <b>Summary:</b> Kate is not so sure about her new babysitter, Rosa, who is from Guatemala, speaks Spanish and only a little English. Then Rosa gives Kate a soft cloth doll with dark hair in one long braid just like Rosa and life is better. Katita (little Kate) learns a little Spanish, some food and customs from Guatemala and about Rosa's family including a daughter left in Guatemala. When Rosa returns to Guatemala, Kate gives her a favored doll to take to her daughter. Kate keeps the soft dark-hair doll, good memories, and exchanges letters with Rosa.</p>

WINNER OF THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE



*I, Rigoberta Menchú*  
*An Indian Woman in Guatemala*

'A moving account of gruesome repression, gut-wrenching poverty  
and vicious racism ... A call to conscience.' *The Atlantic*

**Title:** I, Rigoberta Menchu: An Indian Woman in Guatemala (En Espanol Tambien)

**Author:** Rigoberta Menchu

**Grade:** 9+

**Publisher:** Verso

**ISBN:** 1844674185

**Summary:** Now a global bestseller, the remarkable life of Rigoberta Menchú, a Guatemalan peasant woman, reflects on the experiences common to many Indian communities in Latin America. Menchú suffered gross injustice and hardship in her early life: her brother, father and mother were murdered by the Guatemalan military. She learned Spanish and turned to catechistic work as an expression of political revolt as well as religious commitment. Menchú vividly conveys the traditional beliefs of her community and her personal response to feminist and socialist ideas. Above all, these pages are illuminated by the enduring courage and passionate sense of justice of an extraordinary woman.