South Africa

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly Videos:

Scenery of Cape Town South Africa (K-12th):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E_hVNZJawRk

A short history South Africa (4th-12th):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GwBOgDwZkAI

10 Facts about Nelson Mandela (5th-12th):
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NZ-1j7sEnDE

The Zulu Empire 1 (2nd-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BZLGKFWIRzY

Traditional Zulu Dance and music (K-12th)
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxhhF_nHxls

South African Music & Dance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rwgl4D4s-e4

Counting 1-10 in Xhosa (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ch8f2Jk2jgk

South African Animals (K-12th): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eFXBHaDaxG4
Websites:
South Africa Country Facts:  
http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/countries/southafrica.html  
South Africa Facts http://www.activityvillage.co.uk/south-africa  
All About South Africa: http://www.kidzworld.com/article/24194-all-about-south-africa  
National Geographic Kids:  
San People: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_people  
Zulu People: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zulu_people  
Xhosa People: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xhosa_people  
Who was Steve Biko? : http://www.biography.com/people/steve-biko-38884  

Lesson Plans:
Zulu People Lesson Planet: https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/zulu-people/all?msclkid=7d28b675fff01e0ae400e8efbee8657e&um=source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DSA%20(WS)&utm_term=lessonplanet&utm_content=All%20Webpagesxhosa  
Xhosa People: https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/xhosa-people/all?msclkid=295962efe9d118b3afff3c75abf2f67c&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DSA%20(WS)&utm_term=lessonplanet&utm_content=All%20Webpages  
Lesson Planet: Nelson Mandela:  
https://www.lessonplanet.com/search?keywords=nelson+mandela+south+africa&msclkid=93d1f52c37f016a43f00abb670742f7b&utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DSA%20(WS)&utm_term=lessonplanet&utm_content=All%20Webpages  
Civil Rights/Apartheid: https://www.ducksters.com/history/civil_rights/apartheid.php  
Overcoming Apartheid: http://overcomingapartheid.msu.edu/
Children’s Books:

**Fly, Eagle, Fly: An African Tale**
*Author:* Christopher Gregorowski  
*Age Range:* 5 - 8 years  
*Publisher:* Margaret K. McElderry  
*ISBN-10:* 0689823983  
*Summary:* This simply told yet dramatic story from Africa will delight children everywhere and encourage them to "lift off and soar," as Archbishop Tutu puts it in his foreword. In lovely, expressive paintings of great beauty, sparked with touches of humor, Niki Daly, an internationally known artist, catches the essence of this powerful tale.

**Abiyoyo**
*Author:* Pete Seeger  
*Grade:* PreK-3rd  
*Publisher:* Aladdin  
*ISBN:* 0689718101  
*Summary:* No one wants to hear the little boy play his ukelele anymore...*Clink, clunk, clonk.* And no one wants to watch his father make things disappear...*Zoop! Zoop!*

Until the day the fearsome giant Abiyoyo suddenly appears in town, and all the townspeople run for their lives and the lives of their children! Nothing can stop the terrible giant Abiyoyo, nothing, that is, except the enchanting sound of the ukelele and the mysterious power of the magic wand.

**Nelson Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom**
*Author:* Chris van Wyk  
*Grade Level:* 1 and up  
*Publisher:* Flash Point  
*ISBN-10:* 1596435666  
*Summary:* Nelson Mandela’s autobiography, LONG WALK TO FREEDOM, offers a glimpse into the mind of a great leader, admired across the globe for his dedication to the struggles against apartheid in South Africa. Now the youngest readers can discover the remarkable story of Mandela’s long walk from ordinary village boy, to his dynamic leadership of the African National Congress, to his many long years in prison—and, at last, his freedom and astonishing rise to become the leader of his country.
| Title: The Day Gogo Went to Vote | Author: Elinor Batezat Sisulu  
Grade Level: Preschool - 1  
Publisher: Little, Brown Books for Young Readers  
ISBN-10: 0316702714  
Summary: Illustrated in rich pastels, this child's-eye view of an important milestone in South African history allows young readers to experience every detail of this eventful day. |
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| Title: The Soccer Fence - A Story of Friendship, Hope and Apartheid in South Africa | Author: Phil Bildner  
Grade Level: 1 - 3  
Publisher: G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers  
ISBN-10: 0399247904  
Summary: This poignant story of friendship artfully depicts a brief but critical moment in South Africa's history and the unique role that sports can play in bringing people together. |
| Title: South Africa the Culture | Author: Domini Clark  
Grade Level: 4 and up  
Publisher: Crabtree Pub Co; Revised edition  
ISBN-10: 0778796604  
Summary: Views the mix of people and cultures that make up South Africa today, including a special section on traditional beliefs and customs. |
| Title: Spud | Author: John van de Ruit  
Grade: 7th-12th  
Publisher: Razorbill  
ISBN: 1595141871  
Summary: A hilarious coming-of-age tale set at an elite boarding school in the early days of post-Apartheid South Africa. JOHN? SPUD? MILTON takes his first hilarious steps toward manhood in this delicious, laugh-out-loud boarding school romp, full of midnight swims, raging hormones, and catastrophic holidays. |