Maasai Culture*

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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*The Maasai people reside in both Kenya and Tanzania. This collection accompanies those Culture Box sets when they are borrowed.

Kid-Friendly Videos:

Maasai: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y7bKzF5-bHg

Intro to the Maasai: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IfMRe39c8zA

The Maasai Tribe Way of Life: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZGZLM0FrcwE

Saving the Maasai Ecosystem: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHKbl5TFuhQ

Fast Facts Special, Maasai Warrior: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tv3_I7uk2To

Maasai Warriors: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHKbl5TFuhQ

Maasai Warrior Ceremony: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0PpwL9RSXTc

Beads Tell Stories of Maasai Culture: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krw3FT1vLA8

Maasai Tribe Singing and Dancing: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zM3LXzJYHEI
Websites:

The Maasai; Countries and their Cultures: http://www.everyculture.com/wc/Tajikistan-to-Zimbabwe/Maasai.html

The Maasai People: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maasai_people


The Maasai: Maintaining Culture; Social Studies for Kids: http://www.socialstudiesforkids.com/articles/cultures/masai.htm


Lesson Plans:

Lesson Planet, Maasai Culture:
https://www.lessonplanet.com/search?keywords=masai+culture


Maasai Shield; Object Lesson: https://www.objectlessons.org/conflict-and-protest-world/maasai-shield-east-africa/s85/a223/


MASAI AND I: A Cultural Comparison
## Children’s Books:

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<tr>
<th>Title: Facing the Lion: Growing Up Maasai on the African Savanna</th>
<th><strong>Author:</strong> Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton</th>
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<td><strong>Grade:</strong> 7 and up</td>
<td><strong>Publisher:</strong> National Geographic Children’s Books</td>
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<td><strong>ISBN-10:</strong> 0792272978</td>
<td><strong>Summary:</strong> Joseph Lemasolai Lekuton gives American kids a firsthand look at growing up in Kenya as a member of a tribe of nomads whose livelihood centers on the raising and grazing of cattle. Readers share Lekuton's first encounter with a lion, the epitome of bravery in the warrior tradition.</td>
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<th>Title: The Orphan Boy</th>
<th><strong>Author:</strong> Tololwa M. Mollel</th>
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<td><strong>Grade:</strong> K-3</td>
<td><strong>Publisher:</strong> Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</td>
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<td><strong>ISBN-10:</strong> 0395720796</td>
<td><strong>Summary:</strong> Searching the sky for a familiar star, an old man encounters a mysterious boy, Kileken. As he comes to love the boy as a son, he agrees to let him keep the one thing he owns: a secret.</td>
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<th>Title: Masai and I</th>
<th><strong>Author:</strong> Virginia Kroll</th>
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<td><strong>Publisher:</strong> Aladdin</td>
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<td><strong>ISBN-10:</strong> 0689804547</td>
<td><strong>Summary:</strong> When a little girl learns in school about a tall, proud African people called the Masai, she discovers a sense of kinship and imagines herself living in Africa. She would live in a circle of huts in a tiny village. Instead of having a hamster as a pet, she would live among the giraffes and zebras on the African plain.</td>
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Title: Joshua's Masai Mask
Author: Dakari Hru
Grade: 1 and up
Publisher: Lee & Low Books
ISBN-10: 1880000326
Summary: Joshua loves playing his kalimba, a traditional African musical instrument. But when his family suggests he join the school talent show, he thinks it's a terrible idea — all his classmates like rap. Wishing to be popular, Joshua turns to his Uncle Zambezi, who gives him a magical Masai mask. Little does he know, the mask will grant Joshua his wish, and more.