Nigeria

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Kid-Friendly Videos:

Introduction to Nigeria: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6IJ5f1HIKil
Nigerian Culture & Society: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roDgSSnSKqY
Nigeria’s Geographic Challenge: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=irm2SWBRZWQ
Nigeria's Birthday with Bino and Fino: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9f7RfJQHilo
Images of Lagos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yk_TY5AzCg
Intro to Nigerian Culture: https://vimeo.com/11032220
The History of the Igbo People: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jr82EvHiKyU
Igbo Dance Performance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dv81-rSAag
Talking Drums of Nigeria: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V-iNFKIFQmQ
The Benin Bronzes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nh2Tac1qNPU
Ile Ife Art – Yoruba: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EB4TVq8ek8s&list=PL31E4ED94554E7CFD
Hausa Architecture and History in Tubali: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_dMOYjmSS0
How to make Nigerian Oha Soup: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1_dMOYjmSS0
How to Tie a Nigerian Head Wrap: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZCLSAYWmpc
The Tortoise and the Wisdom Gourd- A Nigerian Folktale: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xBP0828lCH8
Websites:
Culture of Nigeria: http://www.everyculture.com/Ma-Ni/Nigeria.html
Kingdom of Benin: http://www.theschoolrun.com/homework-help/kingdom-benin
Igbo Culture: http://www.everyculture.com/wc/Mauritania-to-Nigeria/Igbo.html
Yoruba Culture: http://www.everyculture.com/wc/Mauritania-to-Nigeria/Yoruba.html
History of Nigerian Art: https://hintng.com/history-of-nigerian-art/
Nigerian Traditional Dress: https://idonsabi.com/top-10-nigerian-traditional-dresses/

Lesson Plans:
Ed Helper, Nigerian Geography Lessons: https://www.edhelper.com/geography/Nigeria.htm
Lesson Planet, Nigeria: https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/nigeria/all
Teachers Pay Teachers, Nigeria Lesson Plans: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:nigeria
Pre- colonial Nigeria Lesson Plans (Middle School): http://bmsworldgeography.weebly.com/nigeria.html
Talking Drums: http://cnx.org/contents/d59bb5a5-c492-44a1-8b13-a3e5f059e687@11/Talking_Drums
How to make a Dundun Drum: http://www.crayola.com/lesson-plans/nigerian-dundun-drum-lesson-plan/
Children’s Books:

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<td>Africa is Not a Country</td>
<td>Mary Burns Knight</td>
<td>1 and up</td>
<td>Millbrook Press (January 1, 2002)</td>
<td>0761316477</td>
<td>The authors narrate the experiences of children at play, at school, and at home, and use realistic illustrations to explore the cultural, environmental, ethnic, and social diversity of the 53 countries that make up the African continent.</td>
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<td>Juba This, Juba That</td>
<td>Helaine Becker</td>
<td>PreK-1st</td>
<td>Tundra Books (September 13, 2011)</td>
<td>0887769756</td>
<td>Traditional “juba” rhythms have a long history. They originated in Nigeria as hand-clapping games. People who were brought to the New World as slaves fought hard to keep their culture alive against terrible odds. They transformed “juba” rhythms into work songs that were passed down orally.</td>
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<td>Catch that Goat</td>
<td>Polly Alakija</td>
<td>PreK-2nd</td>
<td>Barefoot Books (March 1, 2007)</td>
<td>1846860571</td>
<td>Learn more about Nigeria and the Yoruba language with this new extended edition! Now includes seven additional pages of maps and cultural information. Ayoka has been left in charge of the family goat, but within minutes it has vanished! As Ayoka searches the streets of town, she sees how much trouble a runaway goat can cause among the market stalls. One thing after another disappears, and when Ayoka finally catches up with the goat, she finds more than she had bargained for.</td>
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| Title: A Girl Who Married a Ghost  
Author: Ifeoma Onyefulu  
Grade Level: 2 - 6  
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books (August 3, 2010)  
ISBN-10: 1847801765  
Summary: As a child Ifeoma Onyefulu was catapulted into a strange storytelling world predominated less by happy endings than by learning a lesson or two. For this collection, she retells nine of the best Nigerian tales. |
| Title: It's Cool to Learn About Countries: Nigeria  
Author: Dana Meachen Rau  
Grade: 3rd-8th or Read Aloud for Younger  
Publisher: Cherry Lake Publishing  
ISBN: 1602798877  
Summary: An introduction to the geography, history, economy, culture, and people of Nigeria. Bright, colorful designs and hands on activities will keep children engaged as they learn about Nigeria and its people. Read more |
| Title: Ikenna Goes to Nigeria  
Author: Ifeoma Onyefulu  
Grade: K-4th  
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Books  
ISBN: 1845075854  
Summary: Ikenna is looking forward to lots of sun when he goes to Nigeria - even though he and his mum are going during the rainy season. In Lagos, he plays with his cousins before driving to Onitsha to see other relatives. Then the rain starts! But there is still lots to do including meeting Great-Uncle Hillary, who drove the royal train across Nigeria in 1956, and going with his mum to the Osun Festival at Osogbo, where he is surrounded by the sights and sounds of age-old ceremonies and traditions. Ikenna feels sad leaving his big family behind, but he's determined to visit Nigeria again |
Title: Things Fall Apart
Author: Chinua Achebe
Grade: 7th-12th
Publisher: Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group
ISBN: 0307743853
Summary: Things Fall Apart tells two intertwining stories, both centering on Okonkwo, a “strong man” of an Ibo village in Nigeria. The first, a powerful fable of the immemorial conflict between the individual and society, traces Okonkwo’s fall from grace with the tribal world. The second, as modern as the first is ancient, concerns the clash of cultures and the destruction of Okonkwo’s world with the arrival of aggressive European missionaries. These perfectly harmonized twin dramas are informed by an awareness capable of encompassing at once the life of nature, human history, and the mysterious compulsions of the soul.