Zimbabwe

*Digital Resources and Children's Books*

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**Kid-Friendly Videos:**

Lost Civilization of Ancient Zimbabwe: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACv_w05SDEk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ACv_w05SDEk)

History of Zimbabwe, Rhodesia to Mugabe: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7jzYUPUpql](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O7jzYUPUpql)

Zimbabwe Images with Music: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DQf5G-k3Zw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DQf5G-k3Zw)

Images of Zimbabwe: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygR26G9xFGgLargest](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ygR26G9xFGgLargest)

Victoria Falls, Largest in the World: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-vxanB58SQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-vxanB58SQ)

Traditional Dance-Zimbabwe: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swuV1WfRSyc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=swuV1WfRSyc)

How to play the Mbira Thumb Piano: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br6Wveirppk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Br6Wveirppk)

Bob Marley’s song about Zimbabwe: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm9KHjxSzxw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm9KHjxSzxw)

Zimbabwe Shona Sculpture with the Artist: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VtAU-dgMEA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_VtAU-dgMEA)

Zimbabwe Traditional Food Top 10: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCq6qJC-5ZM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UCq6qJC-5ZM)

Animals of Zimbabwe: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ldo0Az-EY3Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ldo0Az-EY3Q)

Hare & Baboon, a Zimbabwean Folktale: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdU2SpiUR8Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SdU2SpiUR8Q)
Websites:


Country Reports-Zimbabwe: [http://www.countryreports.org/country/Zimbabwe.htm](http://www.countryreports.org/country/Zimbabwe.htm)


Lesson Plans:

Zimbabwe Today: [http://www.worldtrek.org/odyssey/teachers/zimblessons.html#today](http://www.worldtrek.org/odyssey/teachers/zimblessons.html#today)

Lesson Planet: [https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/zimbabwe/all](https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/zimbabwe/all)

The Great Zimbabwe, Lesson Planet: [https://www.lessonplanet.com/search?keywords=great+zimbabwe](https://www.lessonplanet.com/search?keywords=great+zimbabwe)

Kingdom of Zimbabwe Teacher Resources: [https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/kingdom-of-zimbabwe/all](https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/kingdom-of-zimbabwe/all)


World Trek Zimbabwe Lessons: [http://www.worldtrek.org/odyssey/teachers/zimblessons.html](http://www.worldtrek.org/odyssey/teachers/zimblessons.html)

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<th>Title: Children's Folk Tales from Zimbabwe</th>
<th>Author: Thelma Grace Sithole</th>
<th>Paperback: 40 pages</th>
<th>Publisher: Trafford Publishing (May 3, 2012)</th>
<th>ISBN-10: 1466922036</th>
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<td>Summary: This book is in the folklore genre because it consists of three folk tales written by a woman that grew up in Zimbabwe. The stories in the book were passed onto her at church, school, and home while she was growing up. The main character in each stories is a tricky rabbit that ends up teaching readers a lesson through each tale.</td>
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<th>Title: Around the World with Christopher Cub: Christopher Cub goes to Zimbabwe</th>
<th>Author: Maria Cordrey</th>
<th>Publisher: Richard D. Cordrey (March 23, 2010)</th>
<th>ISBN-10: 0982738315</th>
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<td>Summary: Travel with Christopher Cub and his friends Zak Zebra and Wallace Warthog as they try to solve the mystery of Zak's missing stripes and family. Join them on their adventure and meet some interesting friends along the way.</td>
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<th>Title: Zimbabwe-Enchantment of the World</th>
<th>Author: Barbara Radcliffe Rogers</th>
<th>Grade Level: 5 and up</th>
<th>Publisher: Children's Press (CT) (March 2002)</th>
<th>ISBN-10: 0516211137</th>
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<td>Summary: This book describes the geography, history, culture, industry and people of Zimbabwe.</td>
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<th>Title: Folk Tales from Zimbabwe-Short Stories</th>
<th>Author: VT Kandimba</th>
<th>Paperback: 56 pages</th>
<th>Publisher: Xlibris, Corp. (July 7, 2009)</th>
<th>Language: English</th>
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<td>ISBN-10: 1441542809</td>
<td>ISBN-13: 978-1441542809</td>
<td>Summary: While he was growing up Tsuro, the bunny rabbit, learned the hard way to treat others as he wanted to be treated by them. Being street smart is good, but it's not always the best way to live with others. As children, we must never look down on people. We can learn something from our friends no matter how different they are. Amazingly, Kamba, the turtle proved that slow is the new fast.</td>
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### Sahwira: An African Friendship
**Author:** Carolyn Marsden & Phillip Matzigkeit  
**Grade:** 4th-9th  
**Publisher:** Candlewick  
**ISBN:** 0763635758  
**Summary:** Like his best friend, Blessing — a Shona boy whose father is his church’s pastor — twelve-year-old Evan, a white American, lives on a Methodist mission in what is now Zimbabwe. Blessing attends the mission school for black Africans, while Evan goes to a whites-only boys' school in town. As Martin Luther King Jr. marches a world away, local headlines announce the murder of a white farmer by African independence fighters. Evan’s school friends immediately side with the whites, the headmaster turns them into cadets in training, and soon incendiary handbills are circulating. As tensions mount both on and off the mission, Evan is forced to choose.

### Cartwheeling in Thunderstorms
**Author:** Katherine Rundell  
**Grade Level:** 3 - 7  
**Publisher:** Simon & Schuster Books for Young  
**ISBN-10:** 1442490616  
**Summary:** Twelve-year-old Wilhelmina Silver—aka Will, Wildcat, Madman, Cartwheel—has what she considers to be an idyllic life. Since her mother’s death when she was five, she has been "raised" on a remote farm in Zimbabwe by her father, the farm foreman. She has been free to explore and run like the wind; ride bareback on her horse, Shumba; and has a pet monkey to keep her company. She is at home in the bush and sleeps in trees, if necessary, and routinely steals fruit and sets fires with her best friend Simon and the rest of the farm boys. She's a good reader and keen observer, but her formal education has been sketchy at best. The things she knows to be true are not easily quantified or necessarily valued.

### Count Your Way Through Zimbabwe
**Author:** James Haskins  
**Age Range:** 7 and up  
**Grade Level:** 2 and up  
**Publisher:** Millbrook Press  
**ISBN-10:** 1575058855  
**Summary:** Using the numbers one through ten, this book provides an introduction to the land, history, and culture of Zimbabwe.
| Title: Where Are You Going Manyoni?  
Author: Catherine Stock  
Grade Level: Preschool - 3  
Publisher: HarperCollins; Later Printing edition  
ISBN-10: 0688103529  
Summary: Manyoni is on her way to school; she gets up at dawn to walk two hours across the plain, along the Limpopo riverbed....As seen in Stock's beautifully rendered impressionistic watercolors...wild animals and birds are on almost every spread--more than 30 in all....A lovely book that draws the reader right in. |
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| Title: Afghanistan to Zimbabwe: Country Facts that Helped me Win the National Geographic Bee  
Author: Andrew Wojtanik  
Grade Level: 4 - 7  
Publisher: National Geographic Children's Books (April 1, 2005)  
ISBN-10: 0792279816  
Summary: 2004 National Geographic Bee winner Andrew Wojtanik created this source reference that lists all of the facts you need to know about every country in a simple outline form. |
| Title: Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters  
Author: John Septoe  
Grade Level: Preschool-3rd grade  
Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers  
Language: English  
ISBN-10: 0140559469  
Summary: This is the tale of Mufaro's two daughters, two beautiful girls who react in different ways to the king's search for a wife - one is aggressive and selfish, the other kind and dignified. The king takes on disguises to learn the true nature of both girls and of course chooses Nyasha, the kind and generous daughter, to be his queen. |