



Liberia

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

History and Images of Liberia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHjr0Vvk4xHI>

Rise and Fall of American's only African Colony, Liberia:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-vwDkRtKDU>

American in Africa? Welcome to Liberia:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O4q0sZDhxZc>

The Complicated Legacy of Liberia and Africa's 1st Woman President, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNRrTIRht8g>

Geography Now, Liberia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HEbSIGIOX70>

10 Best Places to Visit in Liberia: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5K2PHfdLI-s>

10 Things You Didn't Know about Liberia:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8M1xYwOBAf4>

Liberian Cultural Ambassador Drummers:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uNqGogf6tU>

The Spiritual Nature of African Dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eMSpj-vA6dQ>

Balawala Malawala Liberian Dance Troop:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvKZKKOTbHY>

Liberian Fashion at the African Union:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PgQiF5EFGg>

Websites:

An Overview of Liberia: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberia>

Liberia State website: <http://www.emansion.gov.lr/>

Blue Clay People, Season's on African's Fragile Edge:
<https://williampowersbooks.com/books/blue-clay-people/overview/>

Pray the Devil Back to Hell, Liberian Women's Mass Action for Peace:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNRrTIRht8g>

Ethnic Groups of Liberia: <http://bloggingwithoutmaps.blogspot.com/2012/06/people-groups-of-liberia.html>

What is Kissy Money? iberiapastandpresent.org/kissi.htm

Holidays in Liberia: <http://www.iexplore.com/travel-guides/africa/liberia/festivals-and-events>

African Costume Day in Liberia: <https://eng.diamondsforpeace.org/african-costume-day-in-liberia/>

Indigo Hand dyed Textiles from Liberia:
<https://www.ibike.org/africaguide/textile/textile1.htm>

Food of Liberia: <http://www.foodbycountry.com/Kazakhstan-to-South-Africa/Liberia.html>

Languages of Liberia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Languages_of_Liberia#:

Lesson Plans:

Kid World Citizen: <http://kidworldcitizen.org/2014/10/21/learn-liberia-facts-culture/>

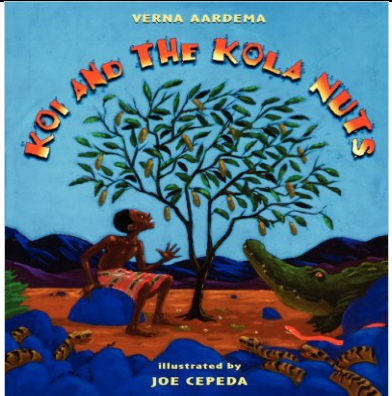
Liberia, Lesson Plans, Games and Activities: <https://countries.mrdonn.org/liberia.html>

Colonization and Emigration Lesson Plans:
<http://www.inmotionaame.org/education/detail.cfm?migration=4&bhcp=1>

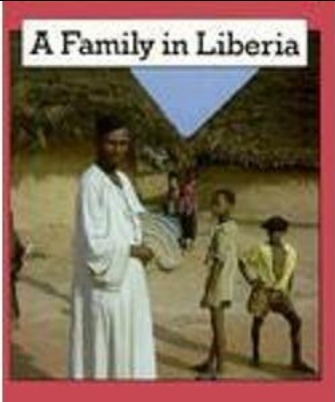
Little America in Liberia Lesson Plan:
http://www.inmotionaame.org/education/lesson.cfm;jsessionid=f8303003761450218538291?id=4_009LP&bhcp=1

Liberian Holidays: <https://www.eccenter.com/ecc/media/GMC-Mission-Minded-Kids/Liberia-Lesson-Seven.pdf>

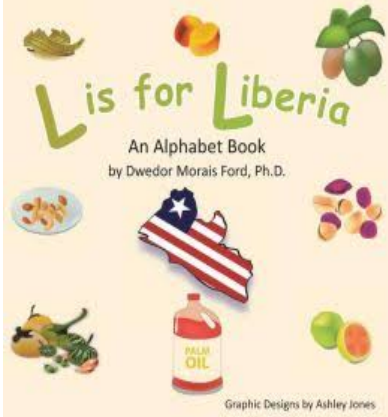
Children's Books:

 <p>Mrs. Chicken AND THE Hungry Crocodile Won-Ldy Paye & Margaret H. Lippert Illustrated by Julie Paschkis</p>	<p>Title: Mrs. Chicken and the Hungry Crocodile Author: Won-Ldy Paye Grade Level: Elementary Publisher: Macmillan (2003) Language: English ISBN-10: 0-8050-7047-8 Summary: Mrs. Chicken can't see her wings in the puddle, so she walks down to the river to admire all of herself. The crocodile lays in wait for a tasty dinner. In order to save herself from becoming dinner, the chicken must prove that she and the crocodile are sisters.</p>
 <p>Two Ways to Count to Ten A Liberian Folktale Retold by Ruby Dee Illustrated by Susan Meddaugh</p>	<p>Title: Two Ways to Count to Ten Author: Ruby Dee Grade: PreK-2nd Publisher: Square Fish ISBN: 0805013148 Summary: Kind Leopard is wise and wants to find the cleverest animal in the Jungle to marry his daughter. Contestants must throw a spear into the air and count to ten before it falls. One by one, the animals fail, until Antelope throws his spear. Antelope counts by twos to ten and wins the contest.</p>
 <p>KOI AND THE KOLA NUTS Verna Aardema Illustrated by Joe Cepeda</p>	<p>Title: Koi and the Kola Nuts: A Tale from Liberia Author: Verna Aardema Grade: K-3rd Publisher: Aladdin ISBN: 0689856776 Summary: When Koi, the youngest son of Chief Ogumefu, learns that his only inheritance is a scraggly kola tree, he decides to travel the world. With only a sack of kola nuts on his back, Koi sets out on a wonderful journey in search of his own fortune, and learns a lesson: Do good and good will come back.</p>
 <p>Why Leopard Has Spots Dan Stories from Liberia Won-Ldy Paye and Margaret H. Lippert Illustrated by Ashley Bryan</p>	<p>Title: Why Leopard Has Spots: Dan Stories from Liberia Author: Margaret H. Lippert Grade: 3rd-8th Publisher: World Stories ISBN: 155591991X Summary: A collection of Dan stories from Liberia resembling the Ananse stories of West Africa. Including</p>

	<p>why the Leopard has spots. Stories of lessons learned through interaction with animals and the environment.</p>
	<p>Title: Head, Body, Legs: A Story from Liberia Author: Won-Lyd Paye Grade: PreK-2nd Publisher: Square Fish ISBN: 0805078908 Summary: This humorous story from Liberia's Dan people suggests that all must work together to succeed in life. A disembodied Head rolls along but can't get the cherries or mangoes he wants to eat until he discovers Arms. Arms attach to Head and they are nearly squashed by Body. As Head assembles various parts, each piece attaches itself in a strange way until finally, with the addition of Legs, Head can recompose to make a full person-and those mangoes are delicious. Perfect for flannelboard and silly enough to enchant young listeners.</p>
	<p>Title: The Talking Vegetables Author: Won-Lyd Paye, Margaret Lippert & Julie Paschkis Grade: K-3rd Publisher: Henry Holt & Company ISBN: 0805077421 Summary: Spider refuses to help the village plant the vegetable garden. When Spider goes to pick the vegetables, he gets an earful. Similar to <i>The Little Red Hen</i>.</p>
	<p>Title: What? Raise my Children in the Jungle?: Our 18 Years in Liberia Author: Beth Holtman Grade: 9th-12th Publisher: Xlibris Corporation ISBN: 9781479741410 Summary: Beginning before jets flew into Liberia, and ending before the Sgt. Doe coup, this is the true story of the Holtam family, told by the wife/mother/music teacher. She tells of her husband's work to help the Liberian people through agriculture, the education of their children, and friends made while living in four locations. Tales of African animals, travels by Landrover, stories of births and deaths, accounts of "making international music"...Return to the heyday of church missions and the arrival of the Peace Corps, as seen through the eyes of a family that loved Liberia.</p>



Title: A Family in Liberia
Author: Sally Humphrey
Grade: K-12th
Publisher: Lerner Pub Group
ISBN: 0822516748
Summary: Describes the home, work, school, customs, and amusements of ten-year-old Kamu and his family living in the village of Mobutu in Liberia.



Title: L is for Liberia: An Alphabet Book
Author: Dwedor Morais Ford
Grade: K-3rd
Publisher: Author House
ISBN: 1481728849
Summary: I was born in Liberia and moved to the United States more than three decades ago. This book is a result of my desire to share with my children and grandchildren some of the foods I enjoyed while growing up in Liberia. All but three of the alphabets do not represent foods because I wanted to add geographic, historic, and cultural features to the book