Tanzania

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Tanzania, the Soul of Africa: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F5FYbclBbs0
People of Tanzania: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WWQPk0jctQQ
Climb Mt. Kilimanjaro: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NPz7i7Uy390
Lake Tanganyika: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRFV5fogo4g
The Curious History of Zanzibar & the Swahili Coast:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7YQ1qn8t3FEIa
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, Street Scenes, Daily Life:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SOkE6K9q1OM
Tanzania Music and Dance, Makumbusho Village:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rtd-thZLq1M
Makonde People, Carving through Life: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhbliSgj7nI
Kanga for Women in Kwanza, Tanzania:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOnG7Aa1UsY
How to use a Tanzanian Mbuzi Coconut Scrapper:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GGsScjQzJRk
Swahili Language Greetings: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HQv6QJHLmDA
Bao Game in Tanzania: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sld8eDsxyvQ
Let’s Play Bao, Lesson 1: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Fx6j93Ud5Q
Tanzanian Folktale, “The Monkey and the Fish”:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=csCVOzI7_A
Animals of Tanzania: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8ZhfYd-rSU
Websites:
Tanzania Overview: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tanzania
Countries and their Cultures: http://www.everyculture.com/Sa-Th/Tanzania.html
Julius Nyerere, the 1st President of Tanzania: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julius_Nyerere
Meet the Tribes of Tanzania: https://goshenisafaris.com/tanzania-tribes/
12 Lively Tanzania Festivals: https://traveltriangle.com/blog/tanzania-festivals
5 things to know about Maasai Beadwork: https://thomsonsafaris.com/blog/5-things-didnt-know-maasai-beadwork/
Arts and Crafts in Tanzania: http://artintanzania.org/en/component/content/article/2-uncategorised/70-art-and-crafts#
African Carvings and Sculptures: https://artsandculture.google.com/exhibit/african-carvings-and-sculptures/VgLCTt6piUPlLw
10 Most Popular Tanzanian Dishes: https://www.tasteatlas.com/most-popular-dishes-in-tanzania
Animals and Plants Unique to Tanzania: https://thomsonsafaris.com/blog/5-things-didnt-know-maasai-beadwork/

Lesson Plans:
Tanzania, Study.com: https://study.com/academy/lesson/tanzania-politics-economy-culture-1945-present.html
Tanzania, Teacher Resources: https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/tanzania/all
Tanzania, Teachers Pay Teachers: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:tanzania
Geography Song: http://www.homeschoolcreations.net/2010/05/traveling-tanzania/
### Children’s Books:

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<th>Title: We All Went on Safari</th>
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<tr>
<td>Author: Laurie Krebs</td>
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<td>Grade Level: Kindergarten +</td>
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<td>Publisher: Barefoot Books; Reprint edition</td>
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<td>ISBN-10: 184148119X</td>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> Join Arusha, Mosi, Tumpe and their Maasai friends as they set out on a counting journey through the grasslands of Tanzania. Along the way, the children encounter all sorts of animals including elephants, lions and monkeys, while counting from one to ten in both English and Swahili. The lively, rhyming text is accompanied by an illustrated guide to counting in Swahili, a map, notes about each of the animals, and interesting facts about Tanzania and the Maasai people.</td>
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<th>Title: Is it Far to Zanibar? Poems About Tanzania</th>
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<td>Author: Nikki Grimes</td>
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<td>Age Range: 6 +</td>
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<td>Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers</td>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> From mist-and mystery-shrouded Mount Meru, to a young girl coming home to her family's relentless hospitality, to a hungry lion prowling the Serengeti Plain, to a bus crowded with squawking chickens and curious billy-goats - not to mention people - Is It Far to Zanzibar? Captures the sights, sounds and scenery of Tanzania.</td>
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<th>Title: My Rows and Piles of Coins</th>
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<td>Author: Tololwa M. Mollel</td>
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<td>Grade Level: Preschool - 3</td>
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<td>Publisher: Clarion Books; 1 edition</td>
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<td>Language: English</td>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> &quot;I emptied my secret money box, arranged the coins in piles and the piles in rows . . .&quot; The market is full of wonderful things, but Saruni is saving his precious coins for a red and blue bicycle. How happy he will be when he can help his mother carry heavy loads to market on his very own bicycle--and how disappointed he is to discover that he hasn't saved nearly enough! Determination and generosity are at the heart of this satisfying tale, set in Tanzania and illustrated with glowing watercolors that capture the warmth of Saruni's family and the excitement of market day.</td>
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**Title:** Babu’s Song  
**Author:** Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen  
**Grade Level:** Kindergarten +  
**Publisher:** Lee & Low Books  
**ISBN-10:** 1600602754  
**Summary:** Babu makes toys and Bernardi sells them at the market. Together they make enough money to get by. One night Babu gives Bernardi a special gift — a handmade music box that plays a song Babu used to sing when he still had his voice. At the market the next Saturday, a tourist offers Bernardi so much money for the music box, he cannot resist. When Bernardi returns home his difficult dilemma is resolved in a surprising turn of events that strengthens the love he and Babu share. Set in contemporary Tanzania, this warm and tender intergenerational story is sure to touch readers of all ages.

**Title:** Lala Salama: A Tanzanian Lullaby  
**Author:** Patricia MacLachlan  
**Grade Level:** Preschool - 2  
**Publisher:** Candlewick  
**ISBN-10:** 0763647470  
**Summary:** The rhythm of the day's activities creates the melody of the evening's lullaby in this sweet song of family life along the banks of Lake Tanganyika. As the bright day shifts to twilight, the lantern on Baba’s boat twinkles in the distance, sending the baby off into a peaceful sleep on Mama’s shoulder. Inspired by a visit to her son, his wife, and their child in Tanzania, Patricia MacLachlan writes a gentle story of an African family’s day from sunup to sundown. Rich, beautifully detailed illustrations by Elizabeth Zunon offer a restful complement to the Swahili refrain "lala salama"—an invocation to "sleep well."
**Title:** A Girl Called Problem  
**Author:** Katie Quirk  
**Grade Level:** Secondary  
**Paperback:** 256 pages  
**Publisher:** Eerdmans Books for Young Readers  
**ISBN-10:** 0802854044  
**Summary:** Thirteen-year-old Shida, whose name means "problem" in Swahili, certainly has a lot of problems in her life -- her father is dead, her depressed mother is rumored to be a witch, her family bears the weight of a curse, and everyone in her rural Tanzanian village expects her to marry rather than pursue her dream of becoming a healer. So when the elders of Litongo make a controversial decision to move Shida's people to a nearby village, Shida welcomes the change. Surely the opportunity to go to school and learn from a nurse can only mean good things. Nonetheless, mysterious calamities plague Shida's people after their move. Desperate to stay, Shida must prove to her people that life can be better in their new home.

**Title:** The Watcher: Jane Goodall's Life with the Chimps  
**Author:** Jeanette Winter  
**Grade Level:** Preschool - 3  
**Publisher:** Schwartz & Wade (April 5, 2011)  
**Language:** English  
**ISBN-10:** 0375867740  
**Summary:** Follow Jane from her childhood in London watching a robin on her windowsill, to her years in the African forests of Gombe, Tanzania, invited by brilliant scientist Louis Leakey to observe chimps, to her worldwide crusade to save these primates who are now in danger of extinction, and their habitat. A moving portrait of an extraordinary person and the animals to whom she has dedicated her life.
Title: Dear Baobab
Author: Cheryl Foggo
Grade Level: 1 - 3
Publisher: Second Story Press
ISBN-10: 1897187912
Summary: Maiko has left his village in Tanzania far behind, moving to Canada with his aunt and uncle. When he thinks of home, he thinks of the beautiful big baobab tree at the center of the village. In his new home, Maiko feels a connection to the small spruce tree in the front yard—it's seven years old, the same age as he is. The tree sings to him and shares his secrets. When he learns that the roots of the tree are growing too close to the house, putting the little spruce in danger of being cut down, Maiko tries to save it. He knows all too well what it's like to be small and planted in the wrong place.