



The Caribbean Islands

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

What is the Caribbean? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jGR2B2JUPbl>

The History of the Caribbean Islands for Kids:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rw9SfJUkX4A>

History of the Caribbean Islands, Parts 1, 2, 3 History, Music, Geography:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gms3_CQ2sU

Indigenous Names of the Caribbean Islands and their Meanings:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6iFR_DNfjs

What on Earth happened to the Taino? The Indigenous People of the Caribbean:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EZ7hTT9aoaQ>

The Arawak Tribe: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g_CzfvBM5A8

The Caribs Tribe: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M39cbfaMQNw>

Teaching the Caribbean, Caribbean "Identities":
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qfmum1-DQY>

When Sugar Ruled the World, Plantation Slavery in 18th Century Caribbean:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wj_MMmq9cb0

Sugar Plantations of British Barbados:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U32Zp4u_pNs

Caribbean Culture Explained with Food: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-p6lQRN2HQ>

Caribbean Island Folk Dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiYIYMJQMHo>

African Caribbean Folk Dance: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a6JEyAyb8us>

Intro to Caribbean Drumming: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWE3aaMUpj0>

Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips (cont.):

Steel Pan Drum History: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FZlXkfTRf_k

How it's Made, Steel Drums: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3CON6J1HBg0>

History of Reggae Music: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrOsYISfoJ0>

Caribbean Art Festival in the British Virgin Islands:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0qfmum1-DQY>

“Cariso” Folktales at Sunset: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9LJuBOLmvFs>

Papa Bois and the Duennes, a Folktale from Trinidad & Tobago:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HhQipESd0U>

10 Scary Jamaican Folklore, Jamaican Things:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yh2l_a0h92w

Following is a sampling of island nations in 4 Caribbean and one Atlantic Region.

Greater Antilles Islands

7 Facts about **Puerto Rico**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pl-sYxXe_iw

The Maroons, **Jamaica's** Forgotten Nation:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJfvfH09SK8>

Rastafari Village Food, **Jamaican** Herb Tour: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hla-Uyb61TM>

Lesser Antilles Islands

The Island of **Barbados**, History & Ecology:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24lmcQBfY6M>

A Brief History of **Trinidad & Tobago**:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAZp3nMcwaE>

A Leeward Island

7 facts about **Montserrat**: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Da_dU1KikNc

A Windward Island

Martinique, France in the Caribbean: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKr4PecjkEw>

A Lucayan Archipelago Country

Country of the **Bahamas**, History and Facts:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvpl6N283W0>

Websites:

Caribbean: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caribbean>

Greater Antilles Islands: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greater_Antilles#:~:text=The

Lesser Antilles Islands: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lesser_Antilles

Leeward Islands: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Leeward_Islands

Windward Islands: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windward_Islands

The Lucayan or Bahama Archipelago:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucayan_Archipelago

Bahama Islands: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Bahamas

Indigenous Peoples of the Caribbean:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indigenous_peoples_of_the_Caribbean

Afro-Caribbean People: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Afro-Caribbean_people

Indo-Caribbean People: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Indo-Caribbeans>

Carnival Celebrations in the Caribbean: <https://www.sandals.com/blog/caribbean-carnival-calendar/>

Caribbean Religions: <http://hrr.hartsem.edu/ency/caribbean.htm>

List of Caribbean Music Genres:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Caribbean_music_genres

8 Caribbean Music Festivals that Rightly Depict the Cultures:

<https://traveltriangle.com/blog/caribbean-festivals/>

14 Examples of Beautiful Caribbean Architecture:

<https://www.architecturaldigest.com/gallery/beautiful-caribbean-architecture>

Caribbean Architecture: <https://www.pinterest.com/travelmedia/caribbean-architecture/>

Languages of the Caribbean:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Languages_of_the_Caribbean

Caribbean Wildlife and Marine Life: <https://www.activecaribbean.com/caribbean-wildlife/#:~:text=>

Mammals of the Caribbean: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mammals_of_the_Caribbean

Lesson Plans:

Caribbean, Kids Discover: <https://kidsdiscover.com/free-lesson-plans/tg-caribbean/>

Kids Crafts Caribbean: <https://za.pinterest.com/kiddiecrafts/kids-crafts-caribbean/>

Caribbean Lesson Plans, Ideas and Supplies:

<https://www.pinterest.com/boyd1479/caribbean-lesson-plan-ideas-and-supplies/>

Caribbean Life:

https://www.elephango.com/index.cfm/pg/k12learning/lcid/12542/Caribbean_Life

Diversity in the Caribbean: https://lacc.fiu.edu/outreach/k-12/lesson-plans-resources/diversity_in_caribbean.pdf

Characteristics of Caribbean Islands:

<http://teacherlink.ed.usu.edu/tlresources/units/byrnes-literature/moser/ss1.html>

Caribbean Islands Lesson Plan, Study.com:

<https://study.com/academy/lesson/caribbean-islands-lesson-plan.html>

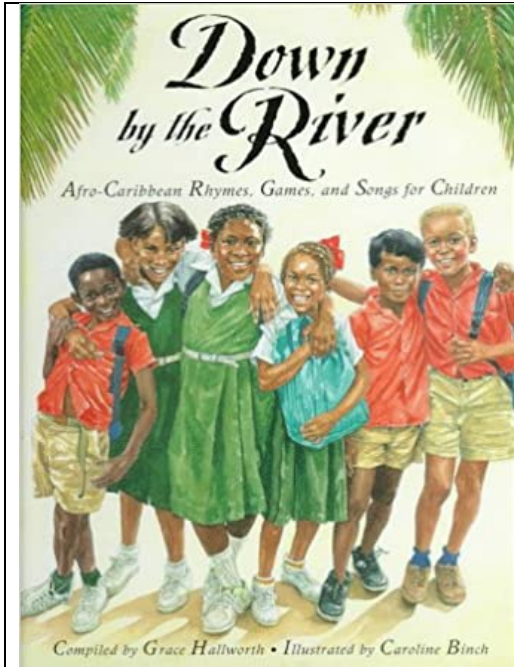
The Caribbean Islands, Teachers Pay Teachers:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:the%20caribbean%20islands>

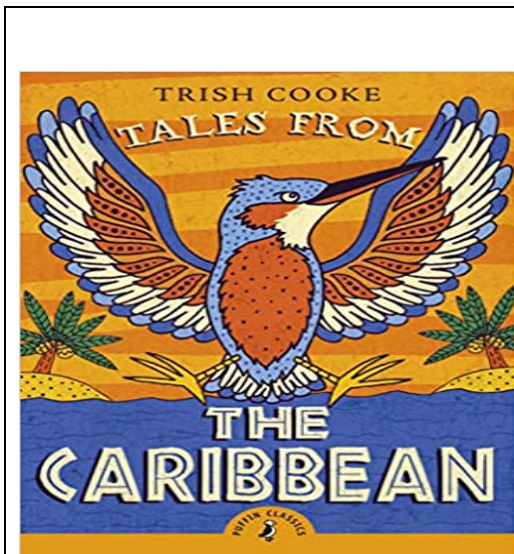
Caribbean Teacher Resource: <https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/caribbean/all>

Children's Books

	<p>Title: Caribbean Alphabet Author: Fran'e Lessac Grade: K-3 Publisher: Macmillian, London ISBN: 9780230731271 Summary: This book resents an alphabet of images from the Caribbean, such as hibiscus, mangoes, and reggae. Illustrations and vocabulary encourage a sense of place and there is plenty to look at on each scenic page. The selections combine known and perhaps unfamiliar words with a glossary specific to the Caribbean.</p>
	<p>Title: Caribbean Dream Author: Rachel Isadora Grade: K-4 Publisher: Thrift Books ISBN: 0399232303 Summary: Here is a place where children run, splash and sing, on an island in the Caribbean, in a world that is nothing short of magical. Rachel Isadora's glowing watercolors and lyrical, evocative text celebrate the things that make the Caribbean a very special home.</p>
	<p>Title: Kallaloo! A Caribbean Tale Author: Phillis and David Gershator Grade: K-5 Publisher: Little Bell Publishing ISBN-13: 9781934370377 Summary: Can a shell really make soup? It might, if it's a brown-and-white Caribbean shell, fresh from the sea, if it needs is a master soup-maker, like Granny, to stir the lot - and a little help from the folks in Market Square. Who Would'nt be willing to lend a hand to cook up some Kallaloo, soup famous from Jamaica to Trinidad? But there's one final ingredient missing and even the magic shell forgot to mention it!</p>



Title: Down By the River
Author: Grace Hallworth
Grade: 3-6
Publisher: Frances Lincoln Children's Books
ISBN-10: 9781847800824
Summary: A distinctive Caribbean flavor pulses through twenty-seven rhymes, songs, chants, and included in a lively tribute to sunny African-Caribbean customs.



Title: Tales from the Caribbean
Author: Trish Cooke
Grade: 2-8
Publisher: Amazon
ISBN: 978014137089
Summary: A collection of favorite tales gathered from the many different islands of the Caribbean, one of the world's richest sources of traditional storytelling. From the very first Kingfisher to Anansi the Spider Man, these lively retellings full of humor and pathos, are beautifully retold by Trish Cooke. The book includes endnotes with a glossary, additional information as well as ideas for activities that children can do to explore the stories further.



Title: Hurricane Child

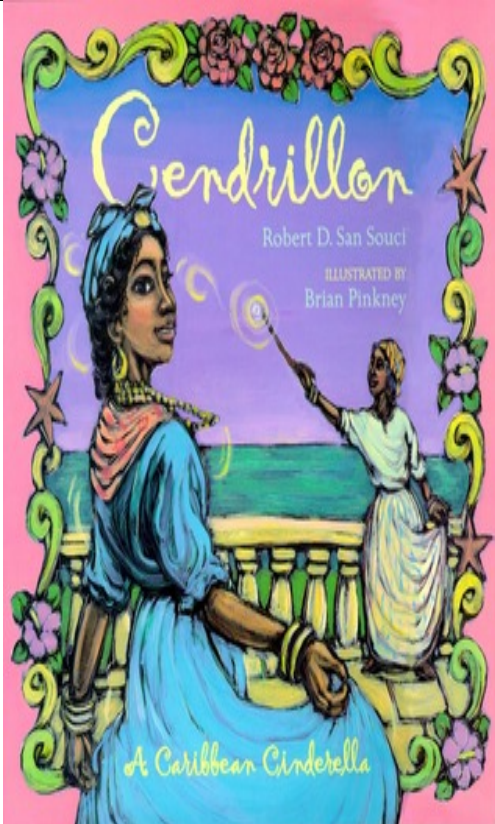
Author: Kheryn Callender

Grade: 2-6

Publisher: Scholastic Publishing

ISBN: 9781338129304

Summary: Born during a storm, Caroline Murphy, a 12-year-old black girl, is convinced that she has been cursed with bad luck. The old ladies around her way say this is the fate of any child born during a hurricane. Recent events in her life seem to confirm this. Feeling unwanted by everyone, especially since the abrupt departure of her mom, Caroline leads a difficult life. She is bullied by those at her school in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, including her teacher, for her skin, which is darker than theirs. She is also followed around by a spirit—the woman in black—that she is sure only she can see. Her journey to the answers to her most burning questions finds her discovering much about herself and those around her. Writing in Caroline’s present-tense voice, Callender draws readers in and makes them identify with Caroline’s angst and sorrow and joy and pain.



Title: Cendrillon

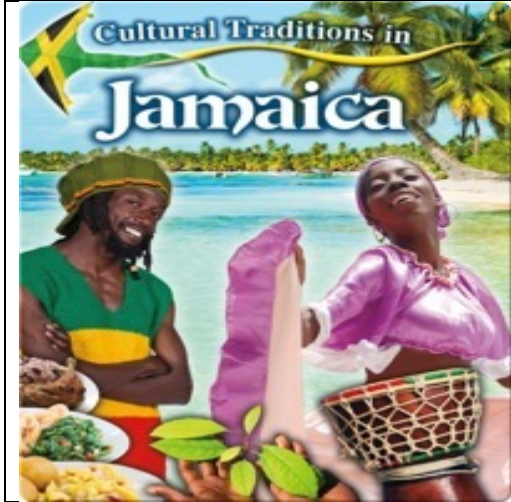
Author: Robert D. San Souci

Grade: 2-6

Publisher: Simon & Schuster Publishing

ISBN: 9780689806681

Summary: You may think you already know this story about a beautiful servant girl, a cruel stepmother, a magnificent ball, and a lost slipper. Now you can hear the tale from someone who was there: a poor washerwoman from the island of Martinique. She has just one thing in the world to love, her goddaughter Cendrillon. When she finds Cendrillon heartsick over a rich man’s son, at first she doesn’t know what to do. But she has sharp wits, a strong will, and the magic wand her mother left her—and soon she has a plan to give her dear Cendrillon the gift of a love that will change her life. Adapted from a traditional Creole story, this fresh retelling captures all the magic of Cinderella, melding it with the vivid beauty of the Caribbean and the musical language of the islands.



Title: Cultural Traditions in Jamaica

Author: Lynn Peppas

Grade: K-6

Publisher: Crabtree Publishing

ISBN-13: 9780778780625

Summary: This interesting title describes the festivals and holidays celebrated in the island nation of Jamaica.