Senegal

Digital Resources and Children's Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Exploring Senegal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QgKogA5V_q

The History of Senegal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPPMPqGhWg

Senegalese Museum of Black Civilization: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ibhBPKhGSq8

Senegal's Re-awakening from Colonialism: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LtUN186uzc

Stone Circles of Senegambia: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RRKl_hKKnUUm8

Goree’ Island, Senegal and Slavery: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmXnWYk1dhI

Senegal, Land of Teranga, Hospitality, Respect, Community and Solidarity: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAkV7XI3hHQ

Geography Now, Senegal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFfJ_-XadbQ

10 Best Places to Visit in Senegal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MVP6I8aHXDU

St. Louis Senegal, UNESCO Site: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WEshevEVZi4

Major Ethnic Groups of Senegal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7ueprI8OrI

Kora Music of Senegal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K8nyjsDj-Ios

Senegalese Animal Folkdance: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L0X2VhjZ-bc

Senegalese Boubou, Bazin & Daishiki Clothing Designs: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yfQXaqEJTcl

The Demon, the Woman and the Bird, a Folktale from Senegal: https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=TeNw0hOh0hk

Africa’s Ambitious Great Green Wall: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jl_nRHg-Ol4
Websites:

Overview of Senegal: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Senegal
Senegal Ethnicity: https://www.ancestry.com/dna/ethnicity/senegal
Senegalese Handicraft: https://pl.pinterest.com/kaskaherjan/senegalese-handicraft/
Wolof Basket Weavers of Senegal: https://www.swahilimodern.com/pages/wolof-weavers-of-senegal
Customs and Cuisine of Senegal: https://togetherwomenrise.org/customsandcuisine/customs-and-cuisine-of-senegal/
10 Senegalese Dishes: https://www.finedininglovers.com/article/senegalese-cuisine-10-dishes-worth-discovering
Language of the Wolof People: https://omniglot.com/writing/wolof.htm
The Great Green Wall, Fighting Desertification in Africa: https://www.greatgreenwall.org/about-great-green-wall

Lesson Plans:

Senegal, Teachers Pay Teachers: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:senegal
Senegal, Lesson Planet: http://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/senegal/all
Cultural Connections from Senegal: http://www.cultureconnections.org/
Top Senegal Teaching Resources: https://www.twinkl.com/search?term=senegal&showall=1
Exploring Africa, Senegal: http://exploringafrica.matrix.msu.edu/country-overview/senegal/
## Children’s Books:

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<th>Title: Mansa Musa: Leader of Mali</th>
<th>Author: Lisa Zamosky</th>
<th>Grade: K-2nd</th>
<th>Publisher: Teacher Credited Materials</th>
<th>ISBN: 0743904397</th>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> Mansa Musa was the king of the Empire of Mali as it became one of the largest empires during the time of Musa’s rule. Readers will discover the life of Mansa Musa in this appealing biography that uses vivid images and maps and stunning facts to engage children. A glossary and index work in conjunction with the easy to read text to teach readers about the Mali ruler, griots, Mali trade, Mecca, Malian religion, and other kings and queens.</td>
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<th>Title: Mansa Musa: The Lion King of Mali</th>
<th>Author: Khephra Burns, Diane &amp; Leo Dillon</th>
<th>Grade: 3rd-5th</th>
<th>Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt</th>
<th>ISBN: 9780152003753</th>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> When an evening celebration in his village is disrupted by the cries of slave raiders, young Kankan Musa runs to find his spear, but in a moment he is taken. Suddenly, the world he has known is gone. Is he to be a slave? Or will destiny carry this son of a proud people to a different future?</td>
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<th>Title: Songs from the Baobab</th>
<th>Author: Chantal Grosleziat &amp; Paul Mindy</th>
<th>Grade: K-12th</th>
<th>Publisher: Secret Mountain</th>
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<td><strong>Summary:</strong> This title introduces an original compilation of 29 songs that span 10 different countries such as the Ivory Coast, Rwanda and Senegal. Originating from Central and West Africa, these rhythmical lullabies are sung in 11 different languages. The songs carry soothing rhymes with a variety of voices performed by men, women, and children. The lush and colorful illustrations add to the harmonious tone of the storybook while the music captivates with a melodic quality. Each lullaby tells a story or conveys a mood of the dialogue between mother and child. The rhymes and harmonies are accompanied by authentic instruments native to the region. The lyrics are sung in their respective languages and are translated in English. Each song is followed by a short description of the cultural history (origin) behind the song. The lyrics convey the nurturing quality and honor the traditions of the music.</td>
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Title: Sundiata: Lion King of Mali  
Author: David Wisniewski  
Grade: PreK-3rd  
Publisher: Demco Media  
ISBN: 0395764815  
Summary: There are many versions of this story, but this version in particular is a version for children, as the author that created a pop-up book for it. However this is an Epic story that is retold by what is called Griots. If you like a story for perseverance this is a good story. The main character is someone who only certain people knew would reign as king. His own blood betrayed him. Sundiata learned to stand up be strong and take back what was his.

Title: Through My Eyes: The Remarkable Children of Senegal  
Author: Stephanie Meeks, Josephine Trenchard, Harvey Lloyd  
Grade: 9th-12th  
Publisher: Ruder Finn Press  
ISBN: 1932646426  
Summary: In the Podor region, northern Senegal, at the edge of the Sahara Desert, live a proud and progressive group of nomadic herders and farmers who have organized comprehensive schooling for their children through the aid of US NGO Counterpart International. A stunning book with photographs and narrative by the children (ages 7-17), magnificent photos by Harvey Lloyd, and text on the programs, region and people. An important look at an unknown side of Africa.

Title: Wolof  
Author: Tijan M. Sallah  
Grade: 11th-12th  
Publisher: Rosen Publishing Group  
Summary: A description of the history and culture of the people living in West Africa's Senegambia region includes information on commerce, education, customs, religion, the arts, and language.