El Salvador

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Geography Now, El Salvador: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-t5uzY77zwA

History of El Salvador: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9gB3LjsbP7w

20 Facts about El Salvador: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VApEnAf8ms4

Unique Things to See and Do in this Tiny Country: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cOXaj4XF2MQ

Travel “Route of the Flowers”: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b8luSaa309U

El Salvador’s Palm and Flower Festival: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0BloTgEuEo

The Art of Architect Fernando Llort: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wWlhgAbuda4

La Palma, Fernando’s Artisans at Work: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q-1N04UXTZs

Nahuat Pupil People Celebrate: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3Dkh-nmZTpk

Traditional Weaving in El Salvador: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-CnYQxtfzWE

Ballet Folklorico de El Salvador: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnSNk38JFAA

Salvadoran Chanchona Music: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V_kh7mxe7Cl

10 Must Try Salvadorian Foods: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJo2R6BeQzc

Coffee Harvest in El Salvador: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BCCILcuWChM

The 5 Best Volcanoes of El Salvador: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhP1zUgLZis

Volcano Fireball Festival: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NgGhXicVgl4

Myths and Legends of El Salvador: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WiYSzclQc1o
Websites:
The City of San Salvador: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/San_Salvador
Indigenous People of El Salvador: https://minorityrights.org/minorities/indigenous-peoples-2/
Salvadoran Artists: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Category:Salvadoran_artists
Architect/Artist Fernando Llort and the Crafts of La Palma: https://www.embracingelsalvador.org/fernando-llort/
Failed Crops? We make Hammocks: https://www.wfp.org/stories/womens-day-el-salvador-world-food-programme-food-hunger-hammocks
Animals in El Salvador: https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/central-america/el-salvador/
Lesson Plans
Teacher Resources:https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/el-salvador
El Salvador, Teachers Pay Teachers: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:el%20salvador
Honduras and El Salvador: https://www.elephango.com/index.cfm/pg/k12learning/lcid/10800/Central_America_-_Honduras_and_El_Salvador
El Salvador, Art and Architecture: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eUmczG_tK4Q
A Lesson with Artist Fernando Llort: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MuzfhRFS7Is
How to make Salvadoran Pupusas, the National dish: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKL4VcCCOcA
Children’s Games: https://blog.unbound.org/2013/12/games-children-play-el-salvador/
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| **Title:** Xochitl and the Flowers  
**Author:** Jorge Argueta  
**Ages:** 7 – 11 Years  
**Publisher:** Children’s Book Press  
**ISBN:** 0892392247  
**Summary:** Xochitl and the Flowers tells a story about a family that moved from El Salvador to San Francisco. Xochitl and her family leave everything behind in hopes of a better life and started a flower business. In El Salvador, Xochitl and her family had a lovely garden and flower business. In America they began selling flowers on the street to provide an income. They are soon able to start a nursery in their backyard, but their grand opening is met with an angry land owner threatening to have the business closed. There is a subtle message about the importance of community. This book is truly full of love and Carl Angel’s illustrations showcase that exactly. |
| **Title:** A Refugee’s Journey from El Salvador  
**Author:** Linda Barghoorn  
**Ages:** 8 – 12 Years  
**Publisher:** Crabtree Publishing Company  
**ISBN:** 0778746852  
**Summary:** Benito’s childhood in El Salvador is disrupted when gang violence comes to his community. When gang members begin to recruit his siblings and target the family with violence, Benito’s mother decides that the family will leave the country. Benito’s new life in Mexico is different. He and his family hope to one day return home. Interspersed with facts about El Salvador and its people, this narrative tells a story common to many refugees fleeing the country. Readers will learn about the conflict there and how they can help refugees in their communities and around the world who are struggling to find permanent homes. |
Title: Discovering Central America, El Salvador
Author: Charles J. Shields
Grade: 7 - 9
Publisher: Mason Crest Publishing
ISBN-10: 1422232883
Summary: El Salvador is the smallest and most densely populated country in Central America. The country has had many problems since gaining independence from Spain in 1821. Political unrest and coup d'état were common, and a violent civil war that raged from 1980 until 1992. The turmoil in El Salvador is not only political: the country is located in an area known as the Pacific Ring of Fire, where two tectonic plates meet. As a result, the country experiences frequent earthquakes and volcanic eruptions not to mention severe storms coming from both the Pacific and Caribbean. Nonetheless, El Salvador enjoys a mild climate ideal for growing coffee and other important crops. There's a lot to discover about El Salvador!!

Title: Zipitio
Author: Jorge Argueta, Salvadorian
Grade: 7 – 9
Publisher: Groundwood Publishers
Summary: The Zipitio is older than the rocks, even older than the river, but he doesn't seem old. He is only as tall as a child. He wears a tall black hat and has a shiny round stomach. His feet point backward and his toes sport long pointy nails, and when you look at him you don't know if he is coming or going. But there is no real need to be afraid of him. He hides down by the river. The only time you will see him is when he falls in love.
| **Title:** Talking With Mother Earth  |
| **Author:** Jorge Argueta, Salvadoran  |
| **Ages:** 5 – 10 Years  |
| **Publisher:** Libros Tigrillo  |
| **ISBN:** 0-88899-626-8  |

**Summary:** Tetl's skin is brown, his eyes are black, and his hair is long. He's different from the other children, whose taunts wound him deeply, leaving him confused and afraid. But Tetl's grandmother knows the ancient teachings of their Aztec ancestors, and how they viewed the earth as alive with sacred meaning. With her help, he learns to listen to the mountains, wind, corn, and stones. Tetl's journey from self-doubt to proud acceptance of his Nahuatl heritage is told in a series of powerful poems, beautifully expressed in both English and Spanish. Vivid illustrations celebrate nature’s redemptive powers, offering a perfect complement to the poignant story.