Haiti

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Discovering the Beauty of Haiti: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwbDoryfk4A

Geography Now, Haiti: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0G9a2Kn6-Q

The Tainos, Indigenous People of the Caribbean: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NZwmyLahqc

Toussaint Louverture & the Haitian Revolution: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4RJmLtYRhE

The Culture of Haiti, UNESCO: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZ4C2sUOmm8

Haitian Spiritual Beliefs; https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpeLdXeIbwA

Carnival in Port au Prince, Haiti: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c68UDLi11dk

Master Drummers of Haiti: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-NEmEy_kI

Haitian Folk Dance in Labadee: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0o3J9QtzBPk

The Art of Haitian Metal Recycling: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHhnVgsiOcw

The Paper Mache Art of Haiti: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cvc3vL3zLgs

Traditional Haitian Dresses: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cTmcwERq1w

Colorful Bus Rides in Haiti: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x1-rtWTqS00

The History of Haitian Creole: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-077ZesjNOk

10 Haitian Foods You Must Try: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cq7YOpFaAz8

Traditional Haitian Bread: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4cTmcwERq1w
"Bouki Cuts Wood", A Haitian Folktale:  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXmxBbmeWkc

Websites:

Overview of Haiti: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haiti

Haiti/ Dominican Republic, One Island, Two Worlds:  
https://www.vox.com/a/borders/haiti-dominican-republic

Celebrating Haiti with both Haitian & Haitian-American Authors:  
https://www.nypl.org/blog/2021/05/12/haitian-and-haitian-american-authors


Haiti’s Unique Art: http://www.haitifriends.org/types-of-art


Demystifying Haitian Folklore through Dance:  
https://www.ndeo.org/content.aspx?page_id=2507&club_id=893257&item_id=567&pst=11131

Haitian Cuisine: https://uncorneredmarket.com/haitian-food/

Animals of Haiti: https://a-z-animals.com/animals/location/central-america/haiti/

Why Haiti has Earthquakes: https://www.reuters.com/business/environment/why-does-haiti-have-earthquakes-2021-08-16/

Deforestation in Haiti: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deforestation_in_Haiti

Lesson Plans:


Teaching Haiti: https://rethinkingschools.org/articles/resources-teaching-about-haiti/

Teacher Resources on Haiti: https://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/haiti/all

Teaching for Change: https://www.teachingforchange.org/teaching-about-haiti-3

Haiti Worksheets and Resources:  
https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:culture,%20haiti

20 Most Important Creole Phrases: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dML5Iy0VcWM

Gestures in Haiti and their Meaning: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CZ81exjct0

**Children's Books:**

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<th>Title: When Night Falls in Haiti, Kric! Krac! Haitian Folktale</th>
<th>Author: Liliane Nerette Louis &amp; Frederick J. Hay</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grade: 5th-12th or read aloud</td>
<td>Publisher: Greenwood Publishing Group</td>
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<td>ISBN: 9781563085796</td>
<td>Summary: When night falls in Haiti, it's time for stories. The storyteller says kric, the audience responds krac, and all of the children become very excited. This collection brings you wonderful treasures from a country that is rich in spirit and culture. Through lively tales remembered from childhood, storyteller Liliane Nerette Louis shares with readers and listeners the warmth, fondness, and humor of her beautiful and mysterious homeland. The 28 tales are arranged by subjects and themes-Bouki and Malis (mythical characters in Haitian folklore); stepmothers; animals; kings and princes; ghosts, zombi, and tonton makout; and love and courtship.</td>
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<th>Title: Marsha goes to Haiti</th>
<th>Author: Irvy Lindsey</th>
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<td>Grade: 3rd-6th</td>
<td>Publisher: Author House</td>
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<td>ISBN: 9781491868003</td>
<td>Summary: Marsha goes to Haiti tells the story of the adventures of 8 year old Marsha going to Haiti for the very first time. Her excitement at flying along with vacationing in a country where she does not know the language really opens her curiosity and sense of wonder. How she reacts to all the new sights and sounds along with her two teen brothers and Mom and Dad of course offer many family moments. As Marsha relates with her grandparents and family in this world full of wonder, other children will see Haiti like Marsha does. In fact, this story will also help adults to once again see the world through a child's eyes.</td>
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**Title:** Haiti – Enchantment of the World  
**Author:** Nel Yomtov  
**Grade:** 4th-8th  
**Publisher:** Scholastic  
**ISBN:** 0531253538  
**Summary:** A series that explores the geography, current events, culture, art, language, and daily lives of people. Beautiful images explore the landscape and cities throughout Haiti and make adventures come alive.

**Title:** My Haiti, My Homeland  
**Author:** Julie Callaway  
**Grade:** 3rd-8th  
**Publisher:** Educa Vision Inc.  
**ISBN:** 9781584321811  
**Summary:** Paul and his mother sail to the United States of America for more opportunity. When they arrive Paul experiences a lot of new changes: a new environment, a new schedule, new people, and new experiences. At school, in one of Paul's assignments he learns about what makes his country so significant. While at first Paul feels intimidated about representing Haiti, after prodding from his mother to read about Haiti in library texts and the information he learns, Paul regains immense confidence and pride. Find out why the seemingly daunting assignment becomes Paul’s favorite assignment and what makes Haiti so special.

**Title:** I Came From the Water  
**Author:** Vanita Oelschlager & Mike Blanc  
**Grade:** K-3rd  
**Publisher:** Vanita Books  
**ISBN:** 0983290458  
**Summary:** The story is based on the actual experiences of Moses, an eight year-old boy and resident of St. Helene’s orphanage outside Port-au-Prince. As an infant, he was literally plucked from the waters of a nearby river, having been placed in a basket by whom we believe was his grandmother. The rest of his family perished in floods that wiped out their upland village in 2004. He was given his name by the nuns at St. Helene’s. The title is Moses' reply to the author when she asked where he is from.
Title: Pealse Malese! – A Trickster Tale from Haiti
Author: Amy MacDonald & Emily Lisker
Grade: K-3rd
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux
ISBN: 0374360006
Summary: Full of sly wit and the vibrant colors and rhythms of Haiti. "My toes are suffering," says Malese as he stretches out in his hammock. "They need new shoes, that's what they need." Malese has not a penny to his name and nothing to trade, but does he worry? Not at all. His pockets may be empty, but his mind is full of clever ideas. It isn't long before he's thought up a trick to get himself some fine new shoes. From marketplace to mountainside, Malese outsmarts his neighbors with trick after trick, until they've had enough and are determined, for once, to get the best of him.