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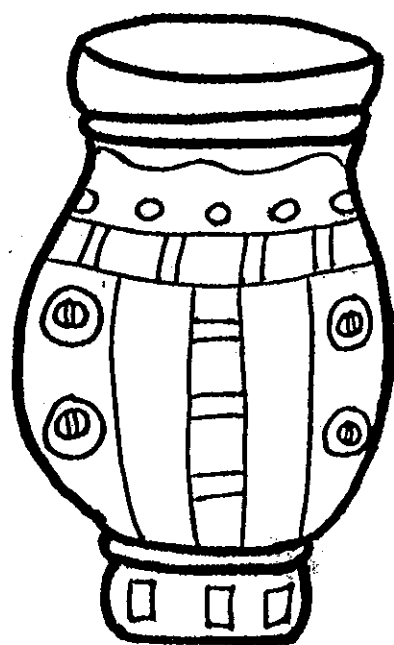
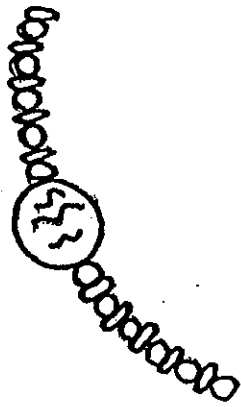
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GOAL

Learning about continents can be fun and exciting! The goal of *A is for Africa* is to give children the opportunity to learn about Africa's people, land, culture, and customs by participating in educational and enriching classroom activities and projects. Reading African literature books and non-fiction books will increase students' knowledge of Africa and give them a better understanding of Africa's culture.

OBJECTIVES:

1. participate in shared reading activities using African folktales
2. participate in cooperative group activities
3. respond to literature through writing, art, and musical activities
4. publish writing: class-made or individual book
5. recognize and complete patterns by color and shape
6. associate standard word names with one digit numerals
7. reads, identifies, and understands vocabulary words
8. locate cities, states, and nations on a world map or globe
9. identify and locate continents
10. identify different landforms
11. recognize contributions of various cultural groups
12. share traditions and customs of students' families

LESSON PLANS

Reading/Writing

Objectives: Participate in shared reading activities, publish writing in the form of a class-made or individual book, write complete sentences.

Materials: chart paper, manila paper, markers, paper, pencils, crayons

Activity: List facts about Africa on chart paper. Have students read each fact. Instruct students to write one fact at the bottom of each paper and illustrate. Bind papers to make individual or class books.

Language Arts

Objective: Read, identify, and understand key vocabulary words.

Materials: word list, markers, pencils, index cards, A-Z list

Activity: Write African words on the board or chart paper. Give students the opportunity to practice reading the words. Write one word on each index card. Assign partners for flashcard drills using the word cards.

Math

Objective: Associate standard word names with one digit numerals using oral and written language. Count from one to ten.

Materials: book, manila paper, crayons, pencils

Activity: Read *Count Your Way Through Africa*. Count from one to ten in Swahili. Make an African counting book. Designate one page for each number. Draw the appropriate number of objects for each page. Bind the pages to make a book.

Science

Objective: Name and identify African animals

Materials: animal books, crayons, manila paper, pencils

Activity: Read books about African animals. Draw pictures of different African animals. Use the pictures to make an African Animals bulletin board.

Social Studies

Objective: Identify land features of Africa.

Materials: manila paper, crayons, pencils, pictures

Activity: Display pictures of the following: mountain, grassland, rain forest, river, desert, lake. Fold paper into six sections. Draw a picture for each word and label.

Art

Objective: Design an African mask.

Materials: construction paper, scissors, glue

Activity: Draw and cut out a face shape using brown paper. Cut openings for eyes, nose and mouth. Cut out different geometric shapes. Glue shapes on mask.

Music

Objective: To appreciate African music.

Materials: African songs, tapes and tape recorder

Activity: Listen to African music and explore the rhythm through movement.

INTERESTING FACTS

Africa is the second largest continent

Africa is three times as large as the United States.

The Nile River is the world's longest river.

Mount Kilimanjaro is Africa's tallest mountain. The top is covered with snow year-round.

Lake Victoria is the third largest freshwater lake in the world.

The Sahara is the world's largest desert.

Lake Tanganyika is the world's largest lake.

Nigeria has the largest Black population in the world.

The richest gold-bearing rocks were discovered in the South Africa.

The Sahara has the highest sand dunes in the world.

South Africa is the wealthiest country in Africa.

Africa has some of the world's largest reserves of gold, diamonds and other minerals.

More than 1000 languages are spoken in Africa.

South Africa and Zaire produces most of the world's supply of diamonds and gold.

South Africa is Africa's leader in mineral income and manufacturing. The majority of Africa's export earnings come from mineral extraction. Textiles, shoes, bicycles, food and building materials are manufactured in Africa.

Nigeria, Libya, Algeria, and Angola are major world producers of petroleum.

Zaire has the world's largest radium supply.

More than 3000 ethnic groups live in Africa.

Africa produces more than one half of the world's supply of peanuts and cloves.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Africa's Climate

Africa's climate is mostly tropical and subtropical. The lowlands near the Equator receive rain throughout the year.

Africa's Animals

The grassland animals include elephants, giraffes, zebras, hippos, antelopes, lions, jackals, and hyenas.

Monkeys, bats, squirrels, gorillas, and leopards live in the rain forests of Africa. Native African animals include the African red deer, the aoudad, the ibex, and the jerboa. Locusts, termites, tsetse flies, hookworms and mosquitoes are harmful insects that invade the tropical regions of Africa. Cattles, sheeps, goats, pigs and camels can also be found in Africa. Wildlife preserves have been set up to protect Africa's animals.

Africa's Economy and Agriculture

The traditional way of life for Africans included hunting, gathering, raising crops, and livestock herding. Money is earned by growing crops, mining and manufacturing. Africa's economic resources, industrial and agricultural production are being developed to provide a better way of life. Yams, corn, millet, and rice are the staple foods. Food is imported to provide for Africa's increasing population. Drought, overpopulation, lack of money, poor soil and inadequate farming methods have contributed to Africa's famine condition. Africa produces a large supply of palm kernels, palm oil, cocoa, cotton, tea, coffee, rubber and peanuts. The forests of Africa provide ebony, mahogany, cork and other timbers that are used for making furniture and other items.

Africa's Mining and Manufacturing

Africa is rich in mineral resources. Africans have mined and processed minerals for many years. Minerals were exported by African traders and Europeans. South Africa and Zimbabwe are the largest mining areas. They also have large coal fields. Libya and Algeria have large deposits of petroleum and natural gas.

During colonial times Africans exported raw materials. Now, African countries are developing their own manufacturing industries that will be used to export processed goods. Agricultural materials and household goods are manufactured.

Africa's Religion

Christianity and Islam are the most widespread religions in Africa. Some Africans combine Christianity with traditional African religions which believe in ancestral spirits.

African Art and Music

Africans have expressed themselves for many years using painting and sculpture. Rock paintings, engravings, clay figures, and bronze statues are a part of African heritage.

Music has always played a key role in Africa. It is used during special ceremonies. American and European music have been influenced by African music.

Musical instruments are made using tree trunks and animal skins. Flutes and trumpets are made from wood, reeds, and metal.

AFRICA'S WONDERS

Pyramids of Giza

Mount Kilimanjaro

Nile River

Sahara Desert

Victoria Falls

Livingstone Mountains

Kalahari Dersert

Mount Kenya

Zambezi River

Ituri Rain Forest

Serengeti National Park

Great Rift Valley

The Sphinx

The Niger

Tsavo National Park

Africa From A-Z

A- Africa, animals, apartheid, ancestor

B- baskets, bendera

C- cotton, camel, cacao beans, cassava, culture, copper, cornrows, custom

D- diamonds, desert, drum, dashikis, dance, 'dark continent'

E- export, explore, Egyptians

F- farm, fufu, freedom, fight, fabric, fish

G- grassland, gold, gele, Gold Coast

H- hut, homeland, hunt, hieroglyphics

I- Imhotep, independent, Ivory Coast

J- jewelry

K- kings, Kilimanjaro, Kwanzaa, kente cloth, kingdoms

L- lake, land

M- mountain, Mandela, mask, mortar, mancala, mines, Motherland, maize

N-Nile, nomad

O- oil, oasis

P-pyramids, plains, pottery, plants, palm nuts, pygmies

Q- queens

R- rain forest, resources, river, rituals

S- savanna, slaves, Swahili, Sahara, sanddunes, Shaka

T- tribe, trade

U- unity

V- village, vegetables, valley

W- wheat, weave, wood

X- xhosa

Y- yams

Z- Zaire

INFORMATION

Foods

Peppers
Tomatoes
Okra
Seafood
Chicken
Peanuts

Fruits
Vegetables
Smoked fish
Yams
Cassava
Couscous

Natural Resources /Minerals

Gold
Diamonds
Oil
Rubber
Cocoa
Coffee

Tea
Copper
Iron
Copper
Coal
Petroleum

Land Features

Mountains
Grassland
Rain Forests
Plains
Deserts
Rivers
Lakes

African Arts

Woven baskets
Stools
Beaded jewelry
Woven masks
Sculptures
Wooden house objects

Clothing

Bui-Bui (booeec-booeec) elegant gown
Busuti (boo-soo-tee) robe with scarf tied at waist
Dushiki (dah- shee- kee) loose fitting shirt
Gele (geh-leh) head wrap
Kanzu (kahn-zoo) robe for men
Lappa (lah-pah) or Buba (boo-bah) African dress
Kofis (koo-fees) cap

Languages

Swahili
Lungala
Wolot
Bantu
Zulu
Shona
Hausa
Berber

WORD LIST

AFRICAN ANIMALS

Aardvark
Aardwolf
Addax
African Elephant
Angelfish
Barbary Sheep
Bat-Eared Fox
Black Rhinoceros
Bongo
Brown Hyena
Bushbuck
Bushpig
Cape Buffalo
Chacma Baboon
Chameleon
Cheetah
Chimpanzee
Colobus Monkey
Common Waterbuck
Crested Porcupine
Crocodile
Dorcas Gazelle
Dromedary
Eared Vulture
Eland
Fennec
Giant Forest Hog
Giraffe
Gorilla
Grant's Gazelle
Greater Kudu
Grevy's Zebra
Hedgehog
Hippopotamus
Honey Badge

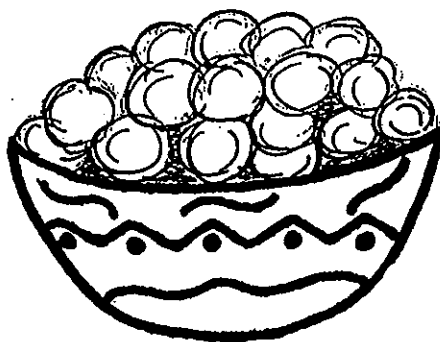
Impala
Jackal
Leopard
Lion
Meerkat
Mountain Zebra
Okapi
Pangolin
Plains Zebra
Python
Ratel
Ring-tailed Lemur
Roan Antelope
Sacred Ibis
Scrub Hare
Spotted Hyena
Springbok
Spring Hare
Striped Hyena
Syke's Monkey
Tarpon
Tree Hyrax
Tree Squirrel
Vervet Monkey
Warthog
White Rhinoceros
Wildebeest

AFRICAN BIRDS

African Darter
African Spoonbill
African Fish Eagle
Brown Parrot
Crowned Crane
Egyptian Goose
Grey Hornbill
Greater Flamingo
Little Bee-cater
Marabou Stork
Paradise Flycatcher
Pearl-spotted Owl
Redwing Starling
Secretary Bird
Scarlet-chested Sunbird
White-backed Vulture
Yellow-billed Kite
Weaverbirds

<p>PEOPLE friend - rafiki mother - mama father - baba brother - nudugu sister - dada baby - mtoto girl - msichana boy - kijana man - mtu woman - mwanamke doctor - mganga nurse - mlezi aunt - shangazi</p> <p>NUMBERS one - moja two - mbili three - tatu four - nne five - tano six - sita seven - saba eight - nane nine - tisa ten - kumi</p> <p>DAYS OF THE WEEK Sunday - Jumapili Monday - Jumatatu Tuesday - Jumanne Wednesday - Jumatano Thursday - Alhamisi Friday - Ijumaa Saturday - Jumamosi</p>	<p>SWAHILI MONTHS January - Januari February - Februari March - Machi April - Aprili May - Mei June - Juni July - Julai August - Agosti September - Septemba October - Oktoba November - Novemba December - Disemba</p> <p>COLORS red - nyekundu blue - buluu yellow - manjano white - nyeupe black - nyeusi green - kijani kibichi purple - zambarau brown - hudhurungi</p> <p>PLACES school - shule office - afisi theater - sinema park - bustani church - kanisa</p> <p>THINGS pencil - kalamu ya mate ball - mpira table - meza shoe - kiatu book - kitabu hat - kofia</p>	<p>FOOD meat - nyama beans - kunde egg - yai chicken - kuku cake - keki corn - mahindi bread - mkate banana - ndizi fish - samaki rice - mchele cheese - chisi candy - kashata vegetables - mboga soup - mchuzi fruit - matunda</p> <p>BASIC PHRASES hello - jambo good-bye - kwaheri thank you - asante please - tafadhali stop - simama</p> <p>How are you? Habari yako?</p> <p>What is your name? Jina lako nani?</p> <p>My name is ____. Jina langu ____.</p> <p>You are welcome. Si kitu.</p>
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SWEET BALLS (Ghana)



Ingredients:

1 egg 1/2 t. salt 3 t. baking powder 1 1/2 C. sugar
1/2 t. nutmeg 1 1/2 C. warm water vegetable oil
4 1/4 cups all-purpose flour

Directions:

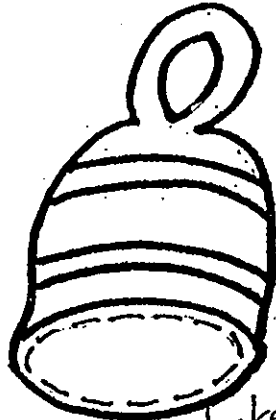
1. Combine egg, salt, baking powder, sugar, and nutmeg in a large bowl and stir. Add 1 1/2 cups warm water and stir.
2. Gradually stir in flour to stiffen dough. Make sure dough is only slightly sticky.
3. Roll dough into walnut-sized balls using floured hands.
4. Heat oil. Fry balls in oil until golden brown. Drain on paper towel and serve warm.

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tribe	fabric

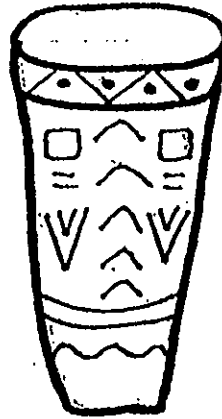
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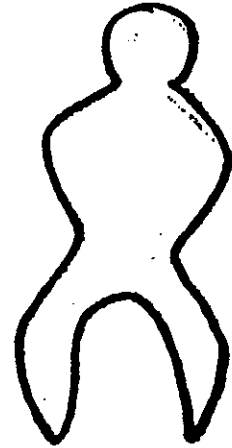
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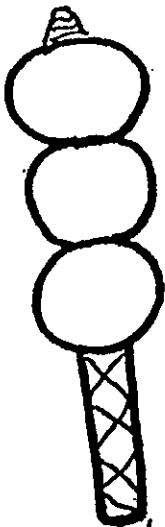
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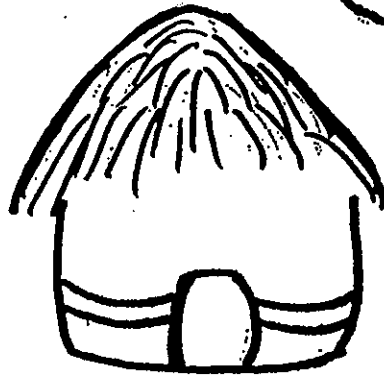
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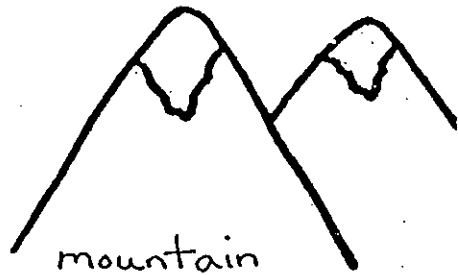
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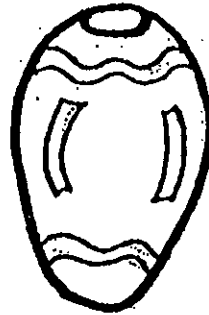
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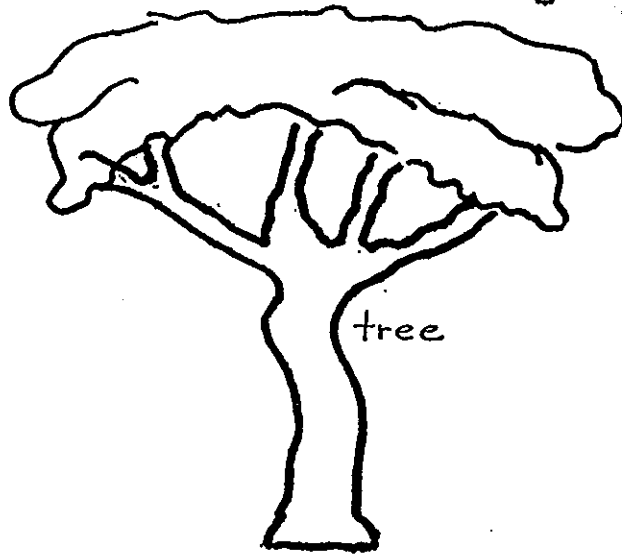
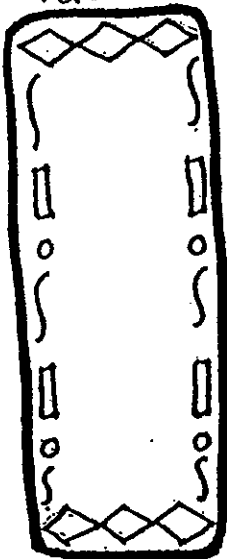


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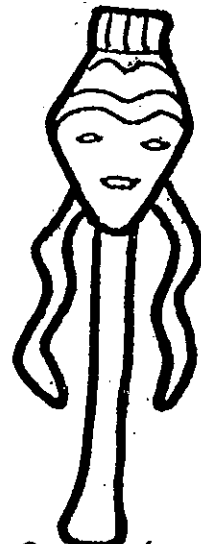


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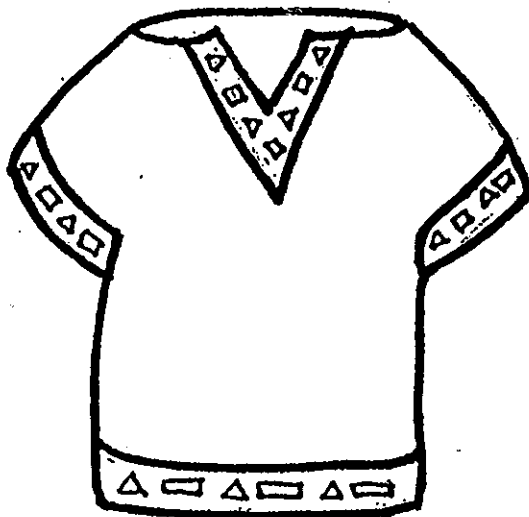
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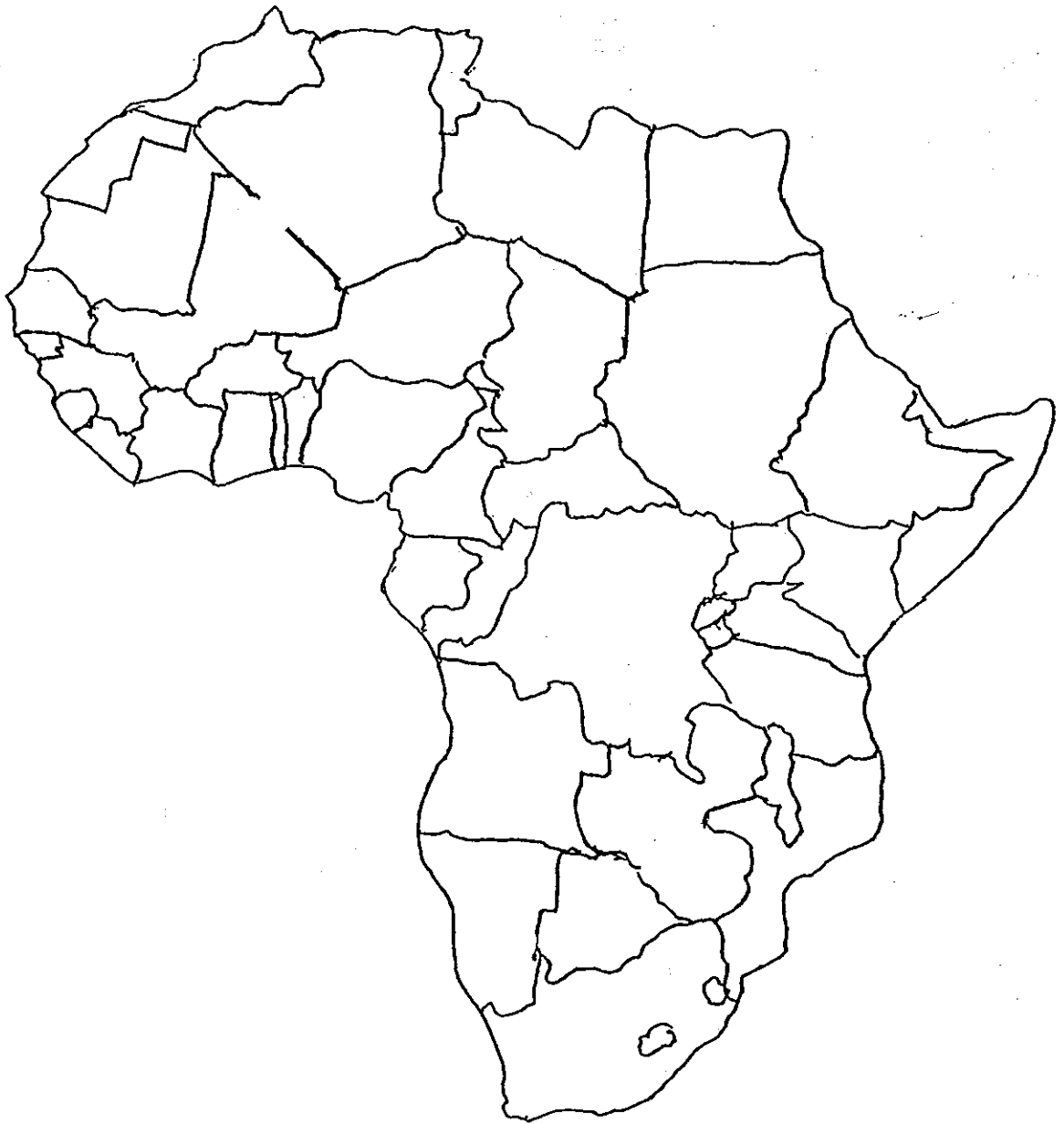


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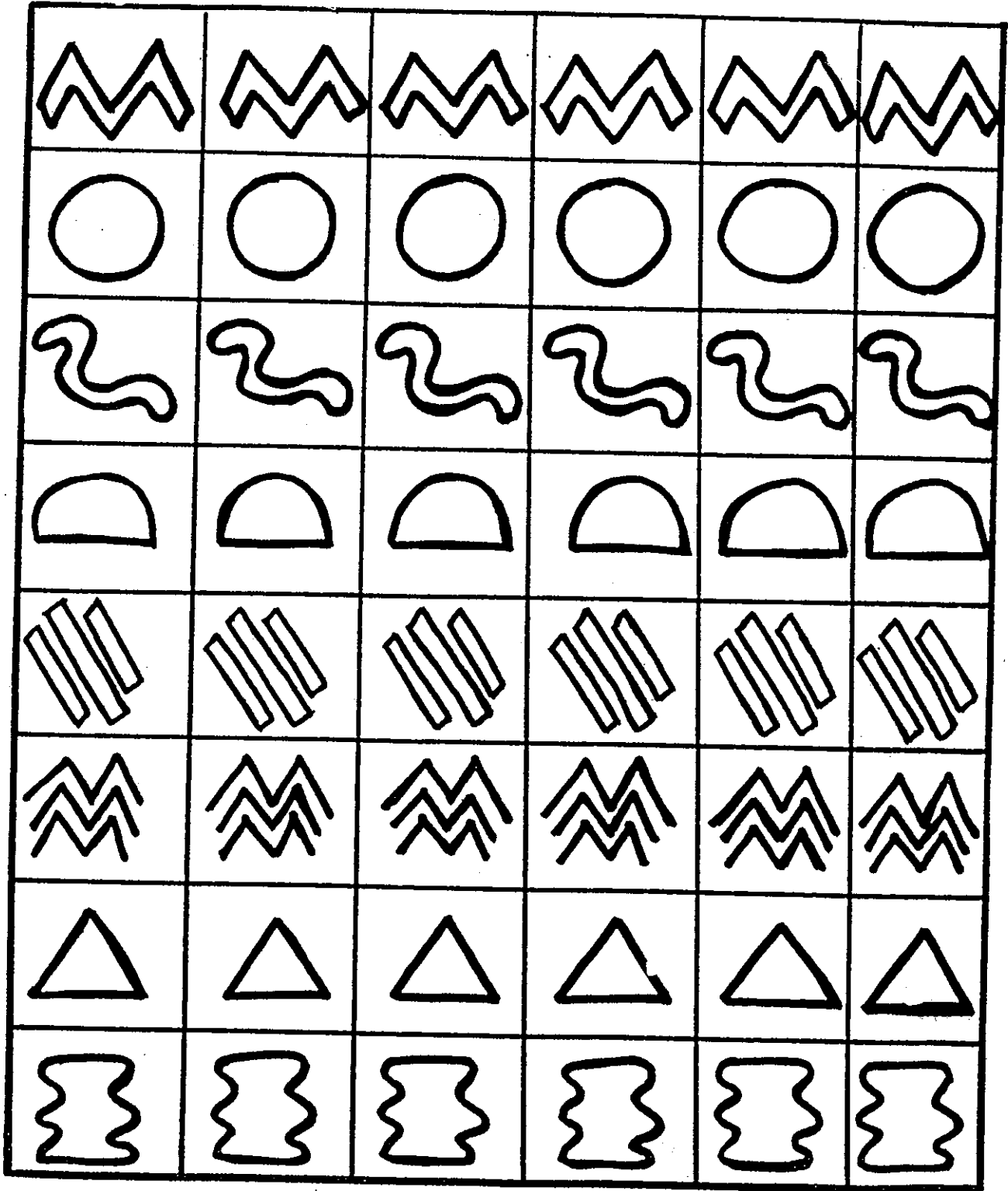
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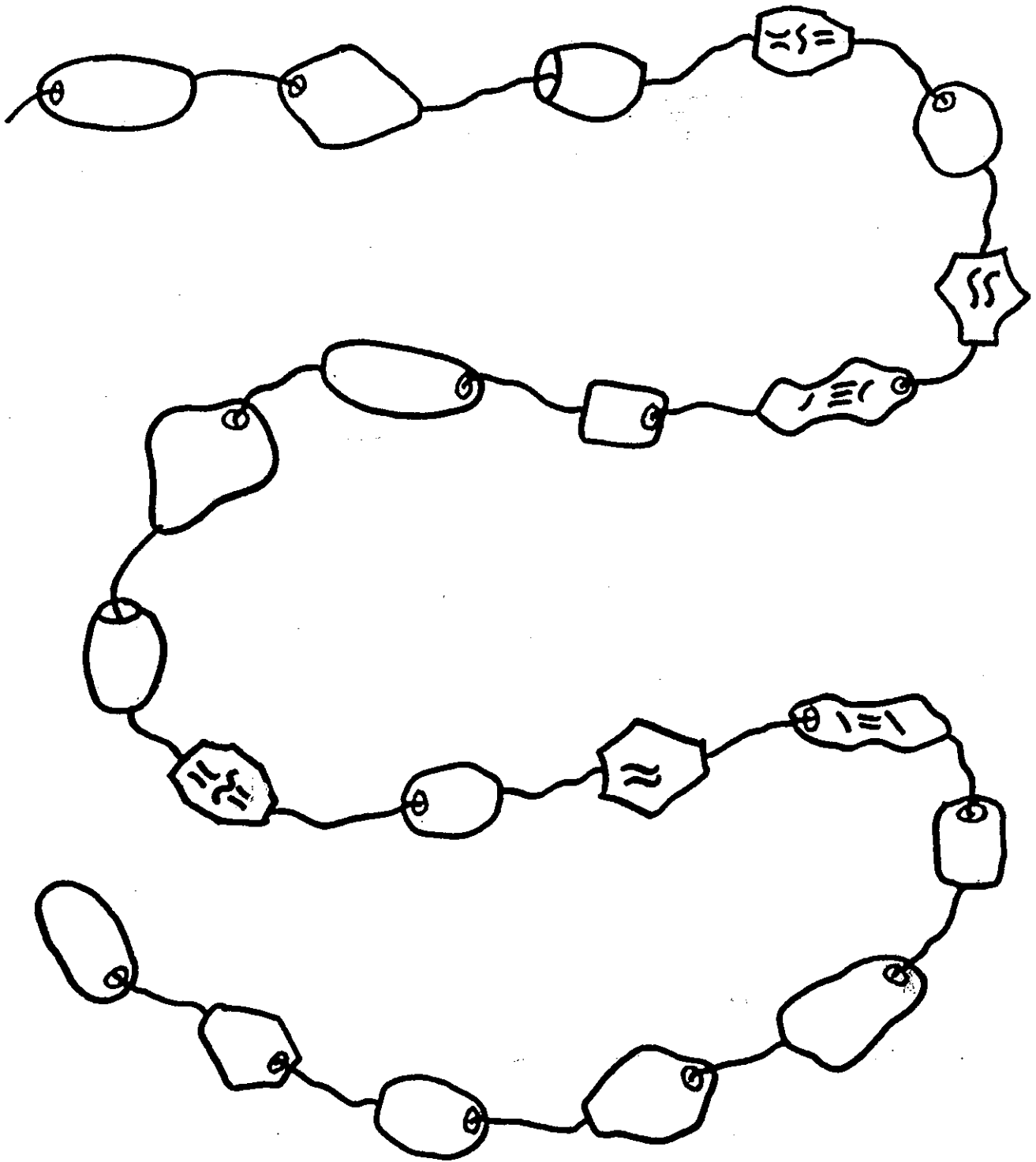


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PATTERN POWER Color the shapes. Cut apart. Glue the shapes on a strip of paper to make a pattern.



Beadwork was used for personal adornment. Masks, thrones, and statues were covered with beads. Color the beads to make a pattern.



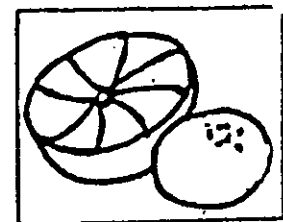
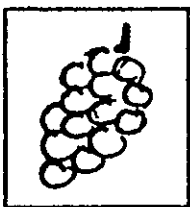
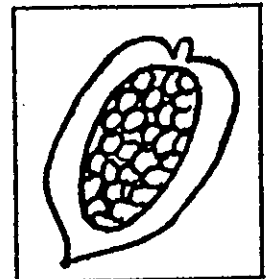
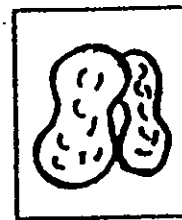
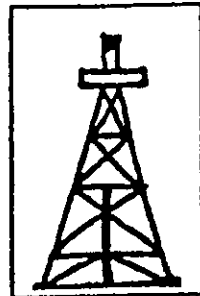
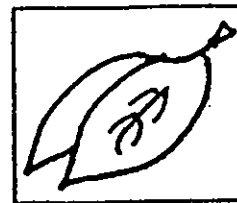
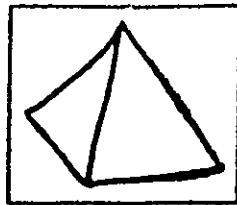
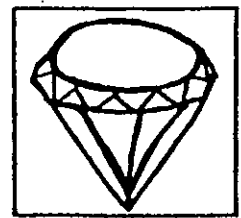
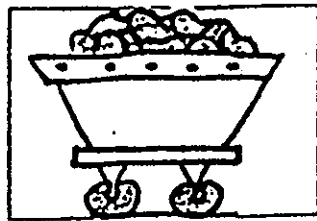
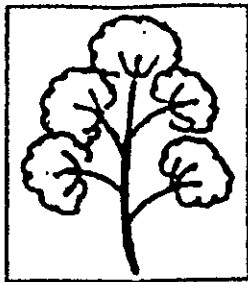
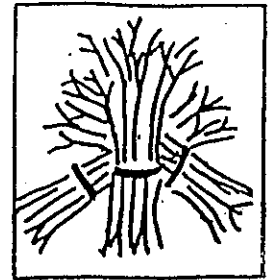
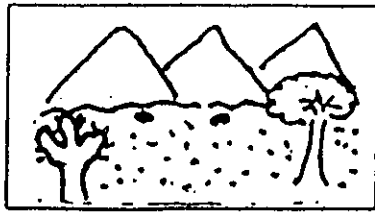
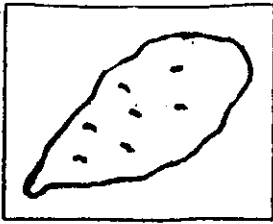
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Africa is the second largest continent. It is bigger than the United States. Cut out the pictures on page 24 and glue them on the map of Africa.



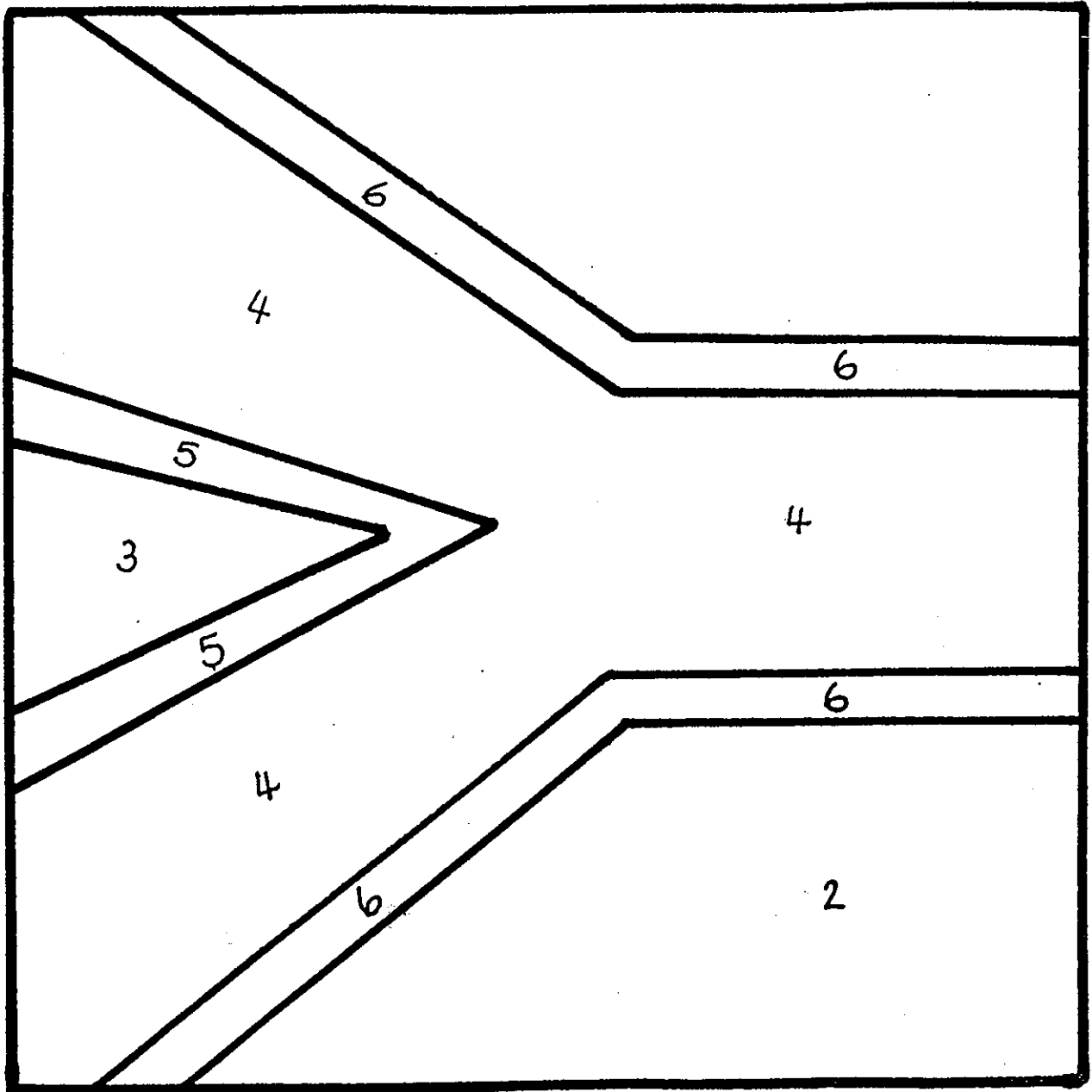
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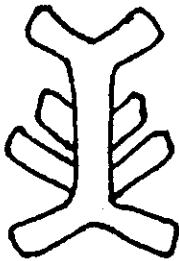


SOUTH AFRICA'S FLAG South Africa is rich in mineral resources. Use the color code to color the flag.

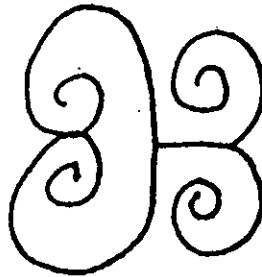
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4- green 5- yellow 6- white



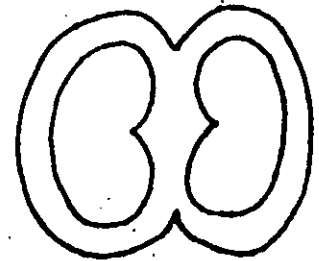
AFRICAN SYMBOLS A symbol is something that stands for something else. Symbols serve an important purpose in Africa. Each symbol has a special meaning. Draw and design your own symbol of love.



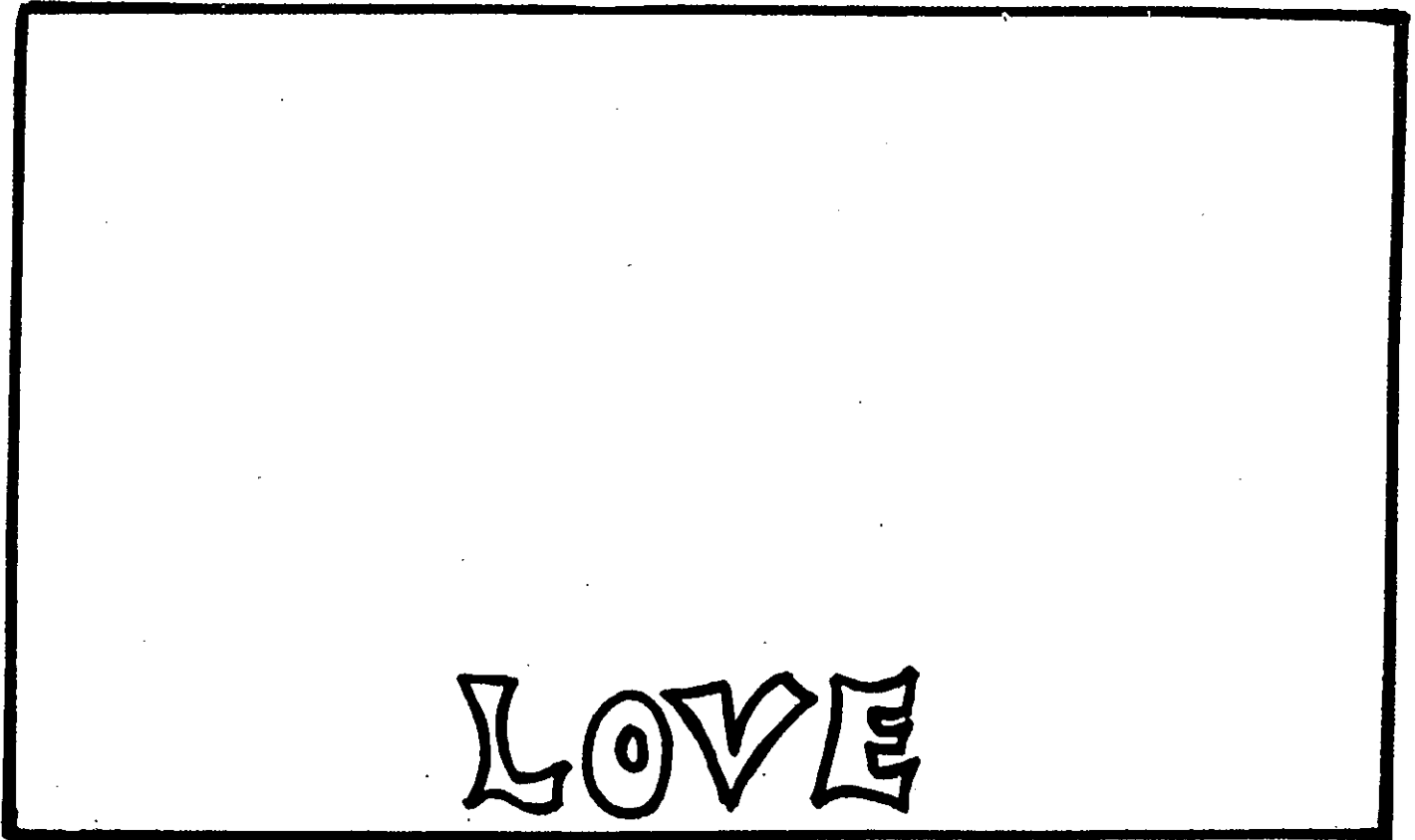
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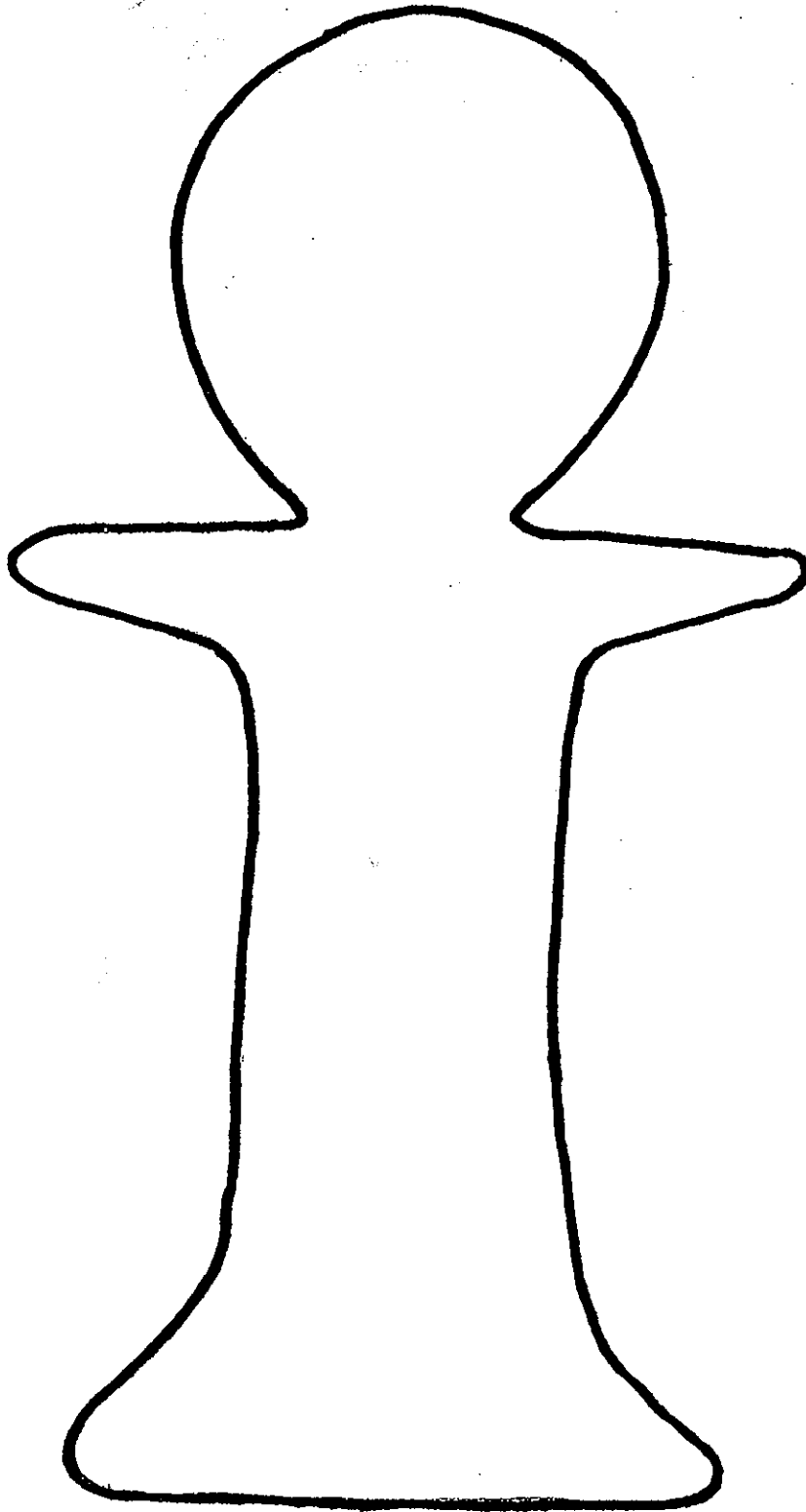
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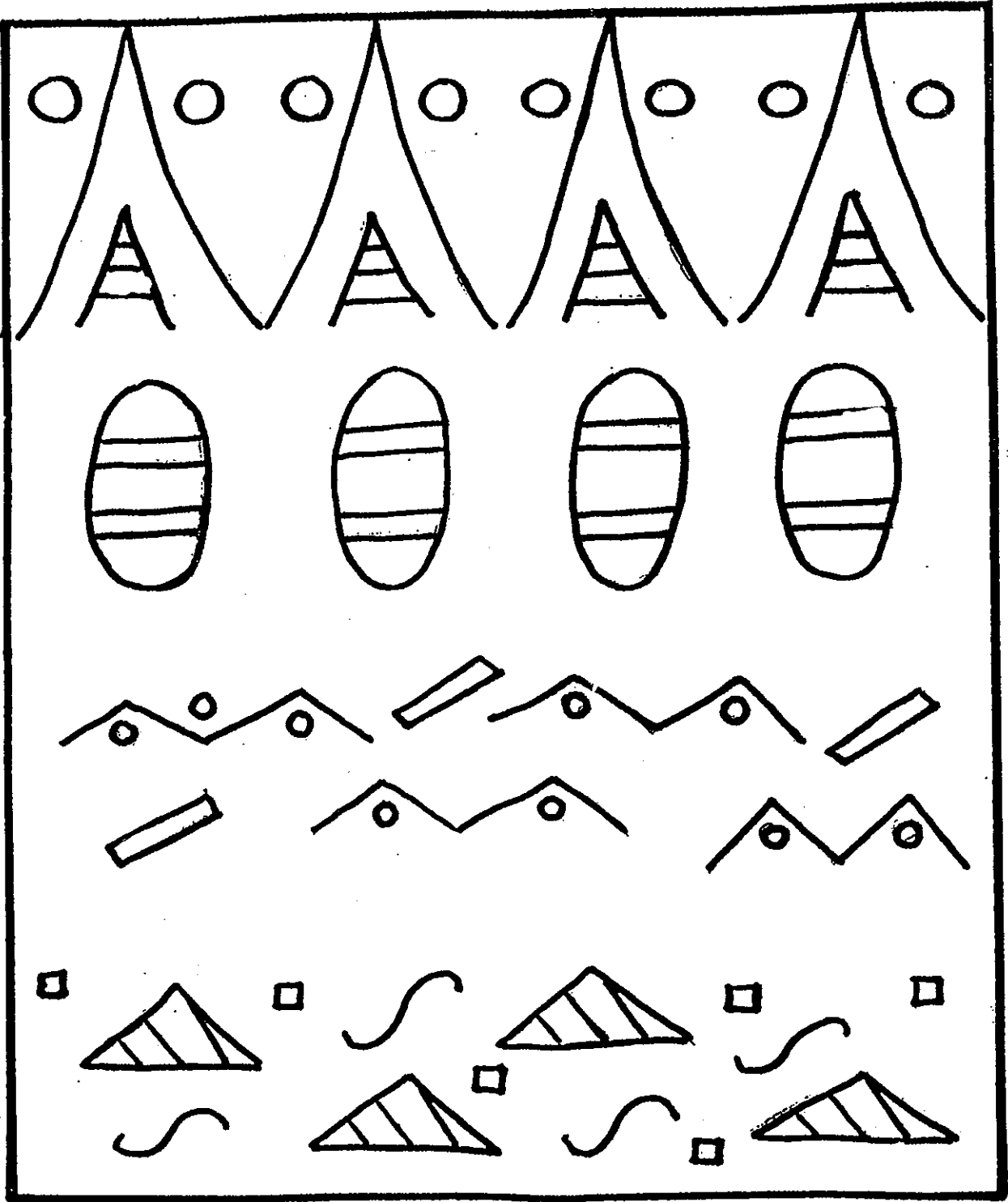
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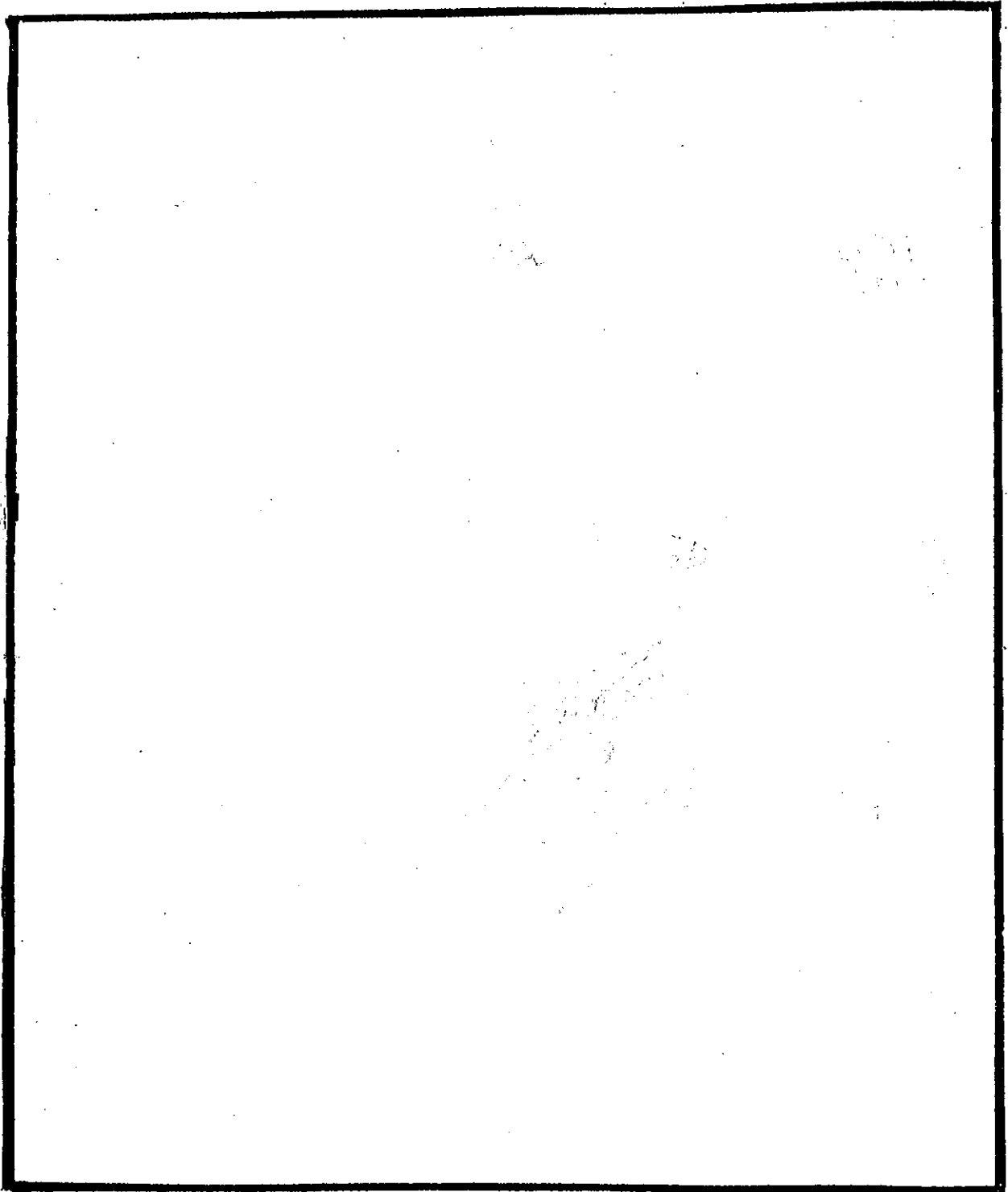
African women carried ashanti dolls. They believed the doll would keep their children healthy. Cut out the doll pattern and trace on tagboard. Use fabric, yarn, markers and other materials to decorate the doll



Color the pattern using bright, bold colors. Cut out and glue on contrasting construction paper.



**African fabrics have interesting patterns and bold colors.
Design your own African fabric using different lines and shapes.**



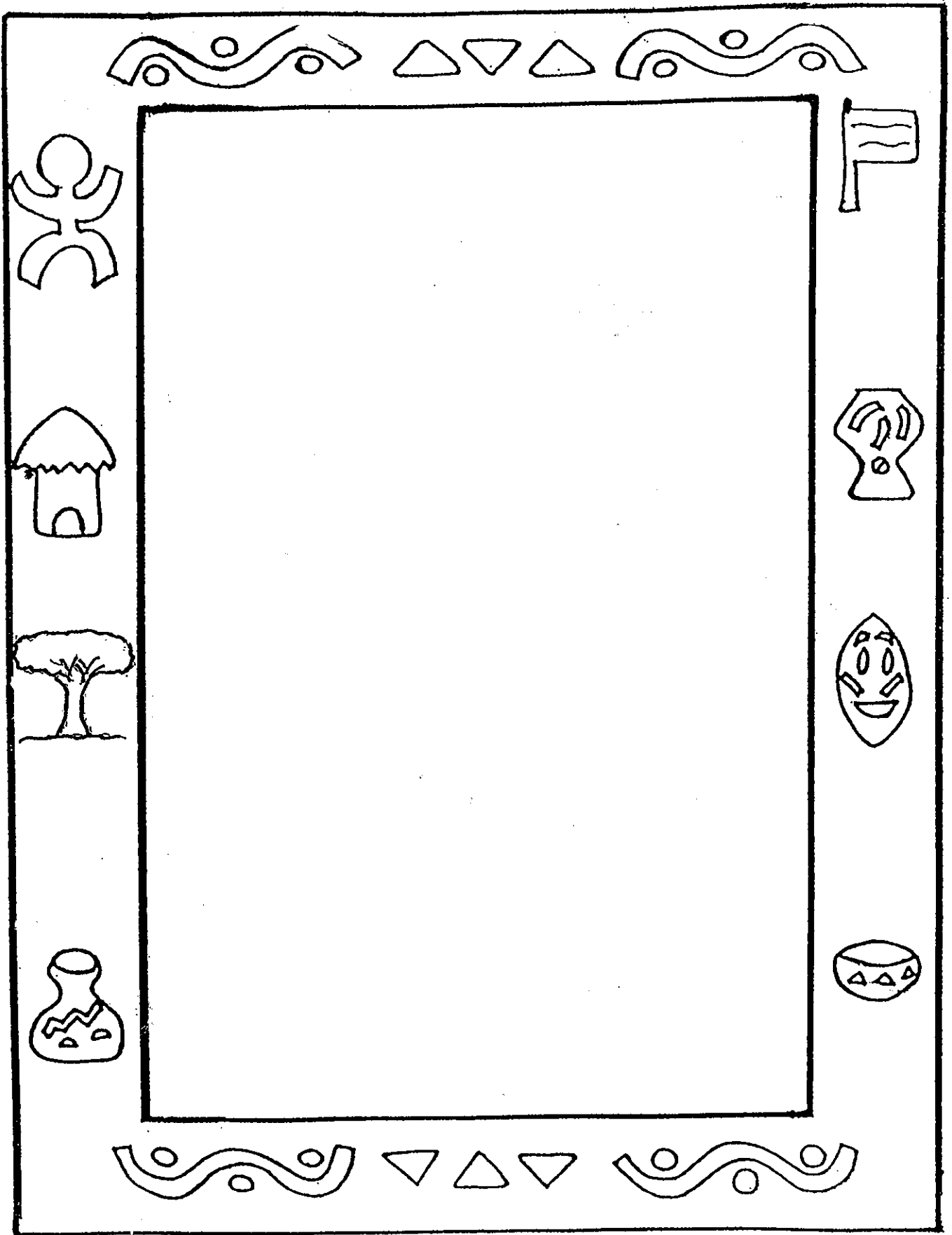
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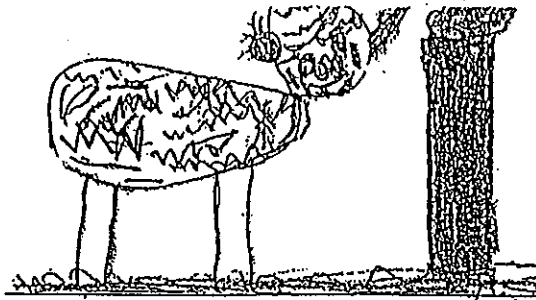


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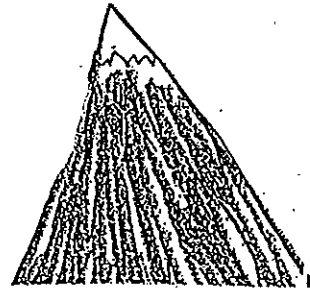
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Imoja one
mountain

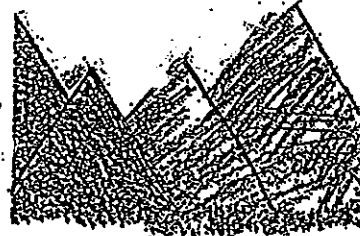
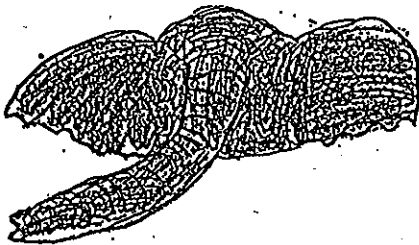
A rhinoceros has horns.
Their horns protect
them from other
animals. The rhinoceros
is the only African giant



desert



savanna



mountain



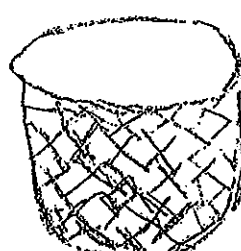
river

Elephants are the
largest land mammals.
They live in herds. Their
tusks are used by their
front teeth they use.



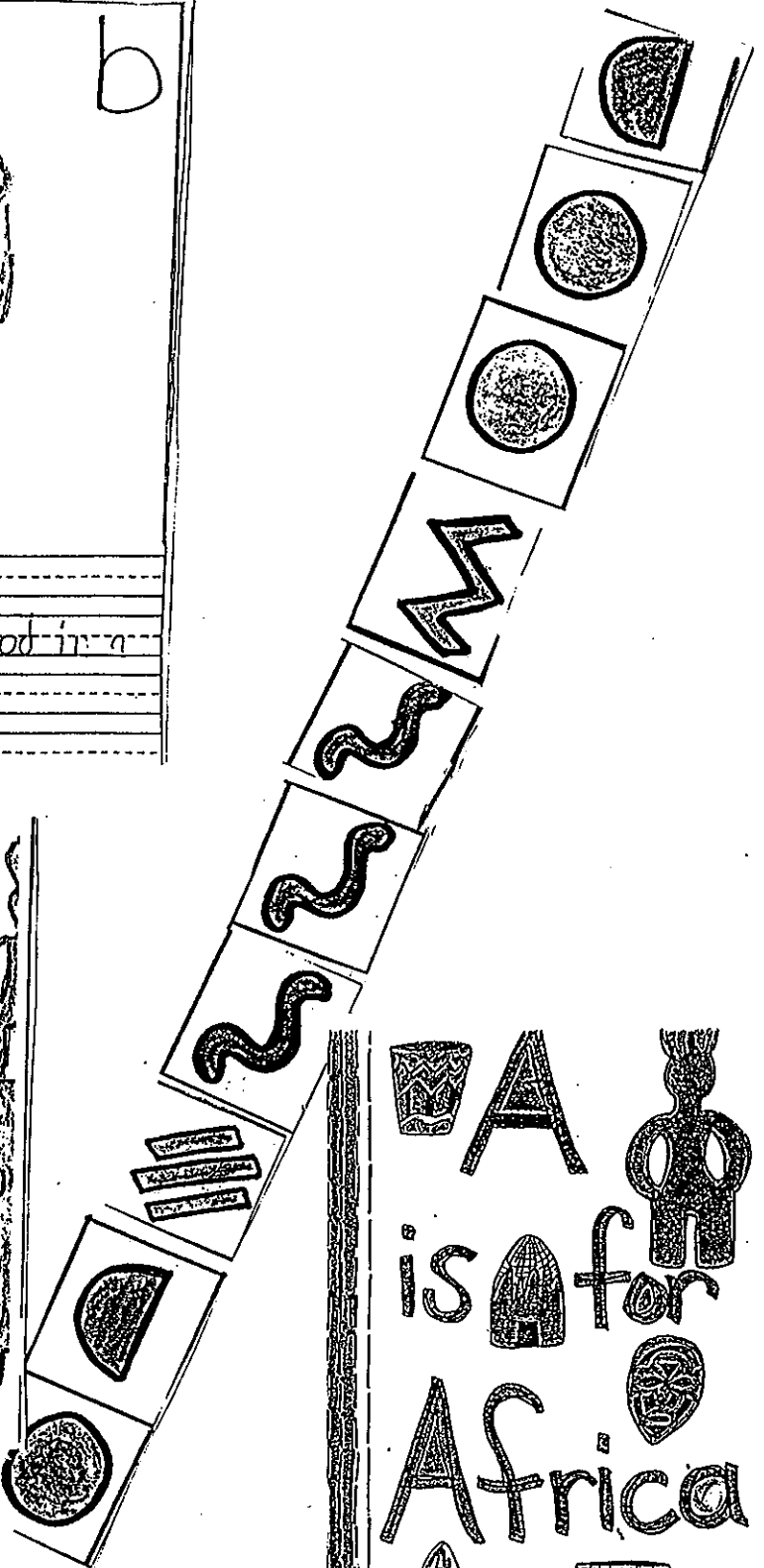
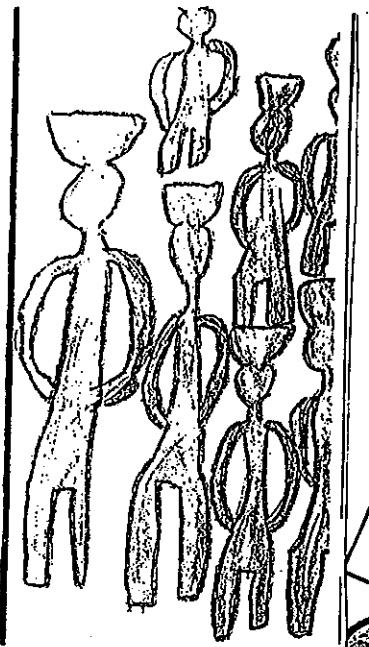
Africans make beautiful pots and fabrics.

b



basket

B is for basket.
You can put food in a basket.



A

is for

Africa

BOOK LIST

Alphabet

- African Animals - Philippa-Alys Browne
Aaron and Gayla's Alphabet Book - Eloise Greenfield
A is for Africa - Onyefulu
Ashanti To Zulu: African Traditions - Margaret Musgrove
A is for Africa - Ife Nii Owoo

Counting

- Moja Means One - Muriel Feelings
Count Your Way Through Africa - Jim Haskins
Aaron and Gayla's Counting Book - Eloise Greenfield
One Sun Rises - Wendy Hartman

Folktales

- Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears - Verna Aardema
Imani in the Belly - Deborah Newton Chocolate
Anansi - Brian Gleeson
Why The Sun And The Moon Live In The Sky - Elphinstone Dayrell
Rabbit Makes a Monkey of Lion - Verna Aardema
Bimwili and the Zimwi - Verna Aardema
Spider and the Sky God - Deborah Newton Chocolate
Anansi Finds a Fool - Verna Aardema
African Animal Tales - Rogerio Andrade Barbosa
Tales From The African Plains - Anne Gatti
Talk, Talk - Deborah Newton Chocolate
The Adventures of Spider - Joyce Cooper Arkhurst
African Myths and Legends - Kathleen Arnott
Anansi The Spider - Gerald McDermott
The Magic Tree - Gerald McDermott
African American Folktales - Richard & Judy Young
Anansi the Spider Man - Philip Sherlock
Tabu and the Danung Elephants - Rene Deetlefs
The Fire Children - Eric Maddern
Emerald Tree - Janet P. Craig
Bury My Bones But Keep My Words - Tony Fairman
West African Trickster Tales - Martin Bennett
Gollo And The Lion - Eric Oyono
Kofi And His Magic - Maya Angelou

Resource Books

African Animals - John W. Purcell
The African Lion - Carl Green & William Sanford
Africa - D.V. Georges
South Africa - Karen Jacobsen
Lessons From History /A Celebration in Blackness - Jawanza Kunjufu
The Ashanti of Ghana - Sonia Bleeker
Grassland Animals - Michael Chinery
From Afar to Zulu / African Cultures - Jim Haskins & Joann Biondi
Exploration Into Africa - Isimeme Ibazebo
Southern Africa - Nick Middleton
Africa - Yvonne Ay
Africa - Dr. Jocelyn Murray
Swahili Phrase Book - Theopolis Gilmore & Shadrack O. Kwasa
Swahili (Language 30) - Educational Services
A is For Africa - Ifeoma Onyefulu
First Book About Africa - Veronica Ellis
Africa Is Not A Country - Dr. Arthur Lewin
The Great Migration - Walter D. Myers
Africa's Animal Giants - Jane McCauley
Book of Black Heroes - Wade Hudson & Valerie Wesley
My First Martin Luther King Book - Dee Lillegard
Young Martin Luther King Jr. - Joanne Mattern
In Our Own Image - The People' Publishing Group
Kids Explore African-American Heritage - Westridge Young Writer's Workshop
Famous Firsts of Black Americans - Sibyl Hancock

Kwanzaa

Kwanzaa - Deborah N. Chocolate
Kwanzaa - A.P. Porter
My First Kwanzaa Book - Deborah N. Chocolate
The Seven Days of Kwanzaa - Angela S. Medearis
Kwanzaa - Cedric McClester
The Story of Kwanzaa - Donna L. Washington
It's Kwanzaa Time - Linda & Clay Moss
Seven Candles for Kwanzaa - Andrea D. Pinkney
Imani's Gift of Kwanzaa - Denise B. Patman
A Very Special Kwanzaa - Debbi Chocolate
Kwanzaa - Freeman & Macmillan

Poetry / Songs / Crafts

Shake it to the One You Love the Best - Cheryl W. Mattox
Honey, I Love - Eloise Greenfield
Make A Joyful Sound - Deborah Slier
Followers of the North Star - Susan Altman & Susan Lechner
Soul Looks Back and Wonder - Tom Feelings
Under The Sunday Tree - Eloise Greenfield
Pass It On - Wade Hudson
Make A Joyful Sound - Deborah Shine
Families - Dorothy & Michael Strickland
Crafts for Kwanzaa - Kathy Ross
Kwanzaa Karamu - April Brady

Stories

The Sunday Outing - Gloria Jean Pinkney
Chicken Sunday - Patricia Polacco
Bigmama's - Donald Crews
When Africa Was Home - Karen Lynn Williams
Tell Me A Story, Mama - Angela Johnson
More Than Anything Else - Marie Bradby
We Keep a Store - Anne Shelby
Wood-Hoopoe Willie - Virginia Kroll
Father and Son - Denize Lauture
Masai and I - Virginia Kroll
Aunt Flossie's Hats - Elizabeth F. Howard
A Chair for My Mother - Vera B. Williams
I Love My Family - Wade Hudson
A Kente Dress for Kenya - Juwanda G. Ford
Somebody's New Pajamas - Isaac Jackson
Hi, Cat - Ezra Jack Keats
Matthew and Tilly - Rebecca C. Jones
Jafta --- The Town - Hugh Lewin
Shawn Goes to School - Petronella Breinburg
Working Cotton - Sherley A. Williams
Oh, Kojo! How Could You - Verna Aardema
Jaha and Jamil Went Down the Hill - Virginia Kroll
Learning to Swim in Swaziland - Nila Leigh
Africa Brothers and Sisters - Virginia Kroll
Meet Danitra Brown - Nikki Grimes

Stories con'd

Feast For Ten - Cathryn Falwell
When I Am Old With You - Angela Johnson
The Best Bug To Be - Dolores Johnson
Amazing Grace - Mary Hoffman
Granpa's Song - Tony Johnston
Papa's Stories - Dolores Johnson
What Kind of Babysitter is This? - Dolores Johnson
Over The Green Hills - Rachel Isadora
Your Dad Was Just Like You - Dolores Johnson
The Leaving Morning - Angela Johnson
Do Like Kyla - Angela Johnson
You're My Nikki - Phyllis Eisenberg
Three Wishes - Lucille Clifton
Jamaica Tag-Along - Juanita Havill
Joshua's Masai Mask - Dakuri Hru
All Colors of the Earth - Sheila Hamanaka
Tell Me A Story, Mama - Angela Johnson
The Patchwork Quilt - Valerie Flournoy
Me And Nessie - Eloise Greenfield
Grandma's Joy - Eloise Greenfield
Grandpa's Face - Eloise Greenfield
Nathaniel Talking - Eloise Greenfield
I'm Gonna Be - Wade Hudson
Bringing the Rain to Kapiti Plain - Verna Aardema
Cherries and Cherry Pits - Vera Williams
A Story A Story - Gail E. Haley
Zora Hurston and the Chinaberry Tree - William Miller
Two and Too Much - Mildred Pitts Walker
Jenny - Beth Wilson
When Africa Was Home - Karen L. Williams