



# Amazing Africa



## Key facts:

- Africa is the second largest continent in size and the second largest continent in population.
- There are 54 countries in Africa, all with their own cultures and languages.
- There are as many as 2000 languages spoken in Africa.
- Nelson Mandela was a civil rights leader in South Africa. He fought against apartheid, a system where people of colour did not have the same rights.
- Cleopatra was one of the last pharaohs of Ancient Egypt, though her tomb has never been found. Archaeologist Kathleen Martinez has found a statue that may depict Cleopatra at the Taposiris Magna temple.

**Continent:** A continent is a large solid area of land. In order from largest to smallest they are Asia, Africa, North and South America, Antarctica, Europe and Australasia.

**Learning Journey**—The children will be exploring the countries in the continent Africa and investigate the significant historical changes in Africa.

The children will begin by exploring the world's continents and oceans and will be able to identify Africa and some of the countries within Africa. We will also learn about the location of hot and cold countries in relation to the equator. We will investigate what life is like in a village in the continent Africa compared to our own village in Europe. We will explore some of the key features of a village in Africa and will be able to use geographical language to describe human and physical features in comparison to where we live.

Following on from a geography focus we will then explore how Africa's history has changed through time in regards to their ruling. We will begin by investigating the impact of the leader Cleopatra was to the Ptolemaic dynasty and Nelson Mandela's impact to the apartheid. We will develop the children's empathy and understanding supporting them to form an opinion using historical sources.



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### Need to know

continent  
Europe  
Africa  
England  
South Africa  
countries  
village  
countryside  
desert  
river  
map  
equator  
Nelson Mandela  
Cleopatra  
leader  
impact  
Human geographical features  
Physical geographical features

### Nice to know

climate  
Nile  
Sahara Dessert  
Kenya  
Nigeria  
Egypt  
Asia  
North America  
South America  
Antarctica  
Australasia  
population  
pharaoh  
capital city

### Super specialist

apartheid  
Ptolemaic dynasty  
Savanna  
landscape  
democracy  
empire  
hieroglyphs

<u>Links to Prior Learning</u>	<u>Key Texts</u>	<u>Links to Future Learning</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children have prior knowledge of continents and oceans from 'Exciting explorers' topic.</li> <li>• Children have knowledge of human and physical features from previous topics.</li> <li>• Links to weather and seasons unit in science.</li> <li>• Making observations of the world around us and understanding of different cultures. (EYFS people and communities)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Atlas- variety of maps</li> <li>• Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne</li> <li>• The Leopards Drum: An asante tale from West Africa by Jessica Souhami</li> <li>• My friend Earth by Patricia MacLachlan</li> <li>• The boy who stole the pharaohs lunch by Karen McCombie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future topics taught in Year 3/4 like 'Ancient Egypt'</li> <li>• Continents and countries</li> <li>• Science topics about animals, humans and habitats.</li> <li>• Developing geographical enquiry skills for lower KS2 e.g. begin to draw conclusions between two locations using pictures.</li> </ul>

#### Family Fun

- Explore Google Earth. Can you find the continent Africa? Which countries can you find in Africa?
- Look at a map of the world. Can you label the continents?
- Use Espresso to explore the 'Ancient Egypt' module: <https://espresso.discoveryeducation.co.uk/pages/6522cd40-3be3-42ab-aba3-0a0bd83f8458>
- Use Espresso to explore the 'Nelson Mandela' module: [https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/videos/496d7fb2-6986-4c3d-8297-03b6b8e9864b/?embed=false&embed\\_origin=false](https://app.discoveryeducation.co.uk/learn/videos/496d7fb2-6986-4c3d-8297-03b6b8e9864b/?embed=false&embed_origin=false)
- Visit your local library or on online library to find out some facts about Africa. Challenge: Can you make a fact file?