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K-12 TEACHERS

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WHY TEACH ABOUT AFRICA?

1

FOR ITS CENTRAL PLACE IN HUMANITY



Africa has great significance in world history. As the birthplace of humanity, we all trace our origins to Africa. Its history showcases pioneering advances in civilization. Its languages, cultures, and resources have shaped identity, culture, economics, politics, and art throughout the globe and throughout time. There are few aspects of contemporary life that are not connected in some way to Africa.

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TO PROMOTE MULTIPLE PERSPECTIVES



Too often, biased, stereotypical, and narrow ideas about Africa have circulated in schools. There are more stories to tell than this. Africa is a highly diverse continent brimming with linguistic, cultural, and geographical complexity. Introducing the perspectives of its diverse peoples forms a crucial component of a strong, multi-perspectival curriculum.

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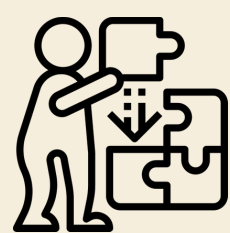
FOR CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE INSTRUCTION



Africa has deeply shaped the cultural context in the United States and is the root culture for many of our students. Linking the curriculum with aspects of African culture and knowledge not only promotes global education and enables historically marginalized student groups to become visible in a curriculum that affirms' their backgrounds and identities and promotes learning.

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TO DEVELOP STUDENTS' ESSENTIAL SKILLS



Essential science, English Language Arts, social science, math, and language skills are best taught when they are contextualized in real places and lives. Thus, teaching about Africa in various disciplines promotes interdisciplinarity and grounded connections for students while allowing their creativity to flourish.

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TO SUPPORT STUDENTS' GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP



In an era where global education has become the buzzword, it is easy to forget that globalizing the curriculum means making it more localized. Learning the specifics about Africa promotes students global competence while centering world knowledge that nurtures their identities as global citizens.

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FOR CAREER READINESS



Fortunately, curricular standards are changing for the better, moving away from a narrow focus on Egypt, the slave trade, and colonialism. New frameworks include African kingdoms, the role of trade, Nubia, and many more aspects of the rich and varied history of African civilizations.