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African Art & Myth

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The first part of the guide offers quick overview of myth and art resources to help you get started.

Art & Myth Resources

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Websites

- ▶ About.com: <http://ancienthistory.about.com/od/creationmyths/tp/090808CreationMyths.htm>
- ▶ African Art <http://www.randafricanart.com/index1.html>
- ▶ Art and Life in Africa Online <http://www.uiowa.edu/~africart/>
- ▶ ARTstor www.artstor.org Website of art images with good reprint quality.
- ▶ Google Images images.google.com Print quality of images varies considerably.
- ▶ DMOZ open directory project http://www.dmoz.org/Arts/Literature/Myths_and_Folktales/Myths/
- ▶ Internet Sacred Text Archive <http://www.sacred-texts.com/pac/index.htm>
- ▶ Minneapolis Institute of Art: art collection <http://www.artsmia.org/viewer/index.php?start=13&v=12&dept=8>
- ▶ Myth^ing Links: <http://www.mythinglinks.org/ct-creation.html>
- ▶ Rand African Art <http://www.randafricanart.com/index1.html>
- ▶ Religion and Ethics: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/religions/>
- ▶ Resources for the Study of Art History <http://witcombe.sbc.edu/ARTHafrica.html#africa>
- ▶ World Myths & legends in Art—<http://www.artsmia.org/world-myths/artbyculture/index.html>

Books

Art

- African Ceremonies (OVERSIZE R 709.66 beckwith)
- African Faces, African Figures (730.9607 arman) (See "Notes on the Objects" for info on plates)
- Genesis: Ideas of Origin in African Art (RES 730.966 lagamma)
- Royal Arts of Africa 709.67 BLIER (1 week checkout)
- Tribal Arts of Africa 709.6 BACQUAR (1 week checkout)

Myths

- African Myths and Legends (398.2096 arnott) & (398.2096 duane)
- African Mythology (RES 299.6 P248a)
- Dictionary of African Mythology (R 299.6203 dictiona)
- Voices of the Ancestors (RES 299.62 allan)

Both

- Rand African Art <http://www.randafricanart.com/index1.html>

Art & Myth by Specific Group

Kuba, Democratic Republic Of Congo: Sub groups: Bushoong or Bushongo, Ngeende, Shoowa, etc.

Art: Face of the Spirits: Masks from the Zaire Basin 731.75 FACE OF Spirits Embodied: Art of the Congo) 730.0967 SPIRIT (sculpture Rand African Art <http://www.randafricanart.com/index1.html>

Myth: Dictionary of African Mythology R 299.6203 DICTIONA

Both: Genesis: Ideas of Origin in African Art 730.966 LAGAMMA p. 39 - 42 Mask and Headresses (Scroll down to find Kuba) website <http://www.vub.ac.be/BIBLIO/nieuwenhuysen/african-art/african-art-collection/masks.htm>

Hints: Sculpture and masks. Ngaady Mwaash (*Art and Life in Africa* 730.96074 ROY p.147) Mboom (or Bwoom), Woot, Kingship

Bamana, Mali

Both: Genesis: Ideas of Origin in African Art 730.966 LAGAMMA p. 79-117
Hint: Chi Wara; Ci Wara

Dogon, Mali

Art: Search the Book Catalog: Use keyword: dogon
Myth: Select a sequence from the Creation Myth which pertains to a particular art object.
Both: Conversations with Ogotemmêli: An Introduction to Dogon Religious Ideas 299.65 GRIAULE
Hints: Satimbe Mask, Kanaga, Lebe, Nommo, Binu Serou, Serigui Mask (Emblems of Passage 704 EMBLEMS p. 118)

Asante (Ashante), Ghana

Art: Royal Arts of Africa 709.67 BLIER
African Seats 749.3209 AFRIKAN
Akan Cultural Symbols Project <http://www.marshall.edu/akanart/>
Art from Africa: Daniel "Koo Nimo" Amponsah (stools, gold weights, culture) <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/Exhibit/Archive/longsteps/koonimo.htm>
Myth: Myths and Legends from Ghana RES 398.2096 LARUNGU
Both: African Ceremonies OVERSIZE R709.66 BECKWITH V. 1 p. 352-381.
Hints: Golden Stool

Yoruba, Nigeria

Art: Book Catalog: Use "Yoruba" in Guided Keyword Search
Yoruba: Nine Centuries of African Art and Thought 730.089 DREWEL
Art from Africa: *Babatunde Lawal* <http://www.seattleartmuseum.org/Exhibit/Archive/longsteps/babatunde.htm>
Both: World Myths & Legends in Art www.artsmia.org/world-myths/artbytheme/index.html
Annotated Guides: Myths and Legends 291.13 PHILIP p. 86-87
Hints: Eshu, Shango (*Emblems of Passage* 704 EMBLEMS p. 80), King's Crown

Edo, Nigeria

Both: "Benin Memorial Tusk", World Myths & Legends in Art www.artsmia.org/world-myths/artbytheme/index.html
Hints: Olokun, Tusk (South of the Sahara 709.67 PETRIDIS p. 83)

Fon, Togo & Benin

- Art:** Palace Sculptures of Abomey: History Told on Walls 730.8668 PIQUE p. 75
African Ceremonies OVERSIZE R 709.66 BECKWITH
- Both:** Annotated Guides: Myths and Legends 291.13 PHILIP p. 88-89
African Vodun 730.09668 BLIER
- Hints:** Vodun, Nana-Baluku, Aiedo-Hwedo, Mawu, Dahomey, snake or serpent

Bamileke, Cameroon

- Both:** Elephant: The Animal and Its Ivory in African Culture 730.096 ELEPHAN p. 229-257;
Myth is on p 92
- Clues:** ivory tusks, stools, elephant,

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African Art & Culture.

- Africa: Tribal Art of Forest and Savanna** 732.2 B219A
African Ceremonies OVERSIZE R 709.66 BECKWIT 2 V (In Oversize Book section)
Art of Africa R 730.0967 KERCHAC
Dictionary of Art R 703 DICTION 34 v
Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara R 967.003 encyclo 4 vols.
Encyclopedia of Pre-Colonial Africa R 960.2 encyclo
Encyclopedia of World Cultures R 306.097 En19
Tribal Arts of Africa 706.6 BACQUAR 1998

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Covers articles on art and architecture, many are full-text. Includes art reproductions. Click [Library Owns?](#) to see if SFCC Library has the journal.
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Covers topics such as ethnic relations, urbanism, economy, social stratification...
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- ▶ **ProQuest:** Articles on culture and art—many articles in full-text. Reprint quality of images vary.

Citing your sources

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- ▶ **Diane Hacker MLA** – dianahacker.com/resdoc Humanities>Documenting>Resources