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
Key to book locations: R = reference section  RES = on reserve at circulation desk.

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 or 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

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
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

Myth: Dictionary of African Mythology R 299.6203 DICTIONA

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)

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› Art Index
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…

› Google Images images.google.com Print quality of images varies considerably.

› ProQuest: Articles on culture and art—many articles in full-text. Reprint quality of images vary.

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