

Countries of Africa

Materials: copies of pages 56, 57; map of Africa (page 78); encyclopedias and other reference books; glue; scissors; markers; crayons

Directions

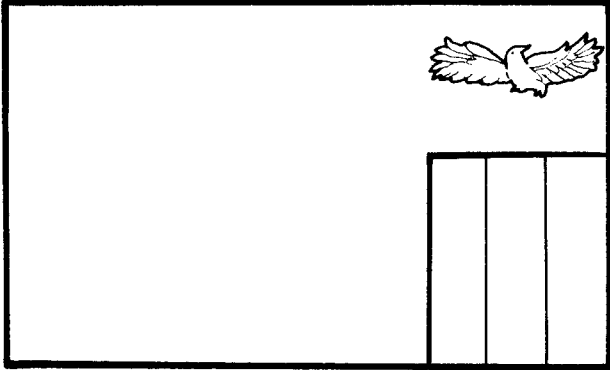
1. Make one set of country cards by cutting out the six cards and the six flags from pages 56 and 57. Glue them back to back.
2. Divide the class into six groups. Distribute one country card to each group and a map of Africa to each student. Give each group time to read the information on their card and research further information about the country. Have each student color the country on the map of Africa, write a paragraph about it, and draw pictures of its flag and main products.
3. Regroup the class so that students with the same countries are in different groups. Have students take turns presenting their countries to the group. If necessary, let students check the country cards for extra information.

Extensions:

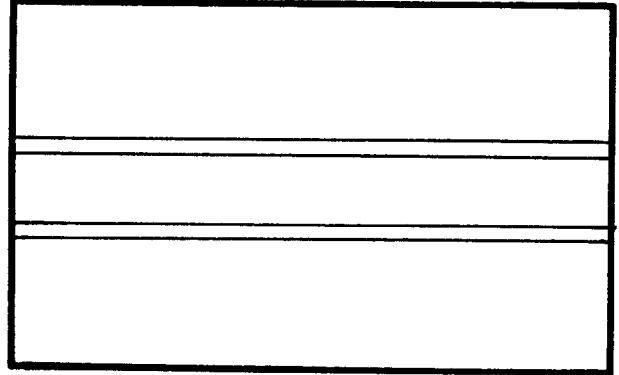
- Have each student make a full set of country cards. Color the flags using an encyclopedia.
- Have students combine their map pages to make a Big Book. Make dividers for each of the countries.
- Take away the country cards and have the different groups compete to see who knows the most about the countries.
- Have students describe each country flag and draw it on the board from memory.
- Repeat activities for other African countries chosen by students.



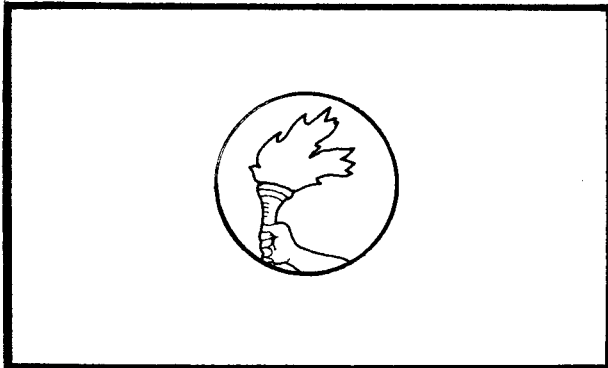
Countries of Africa (cont.)



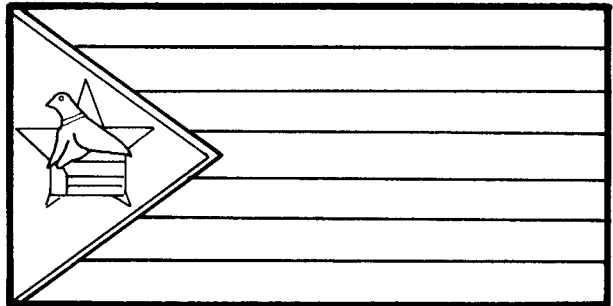
Flag of Zambia



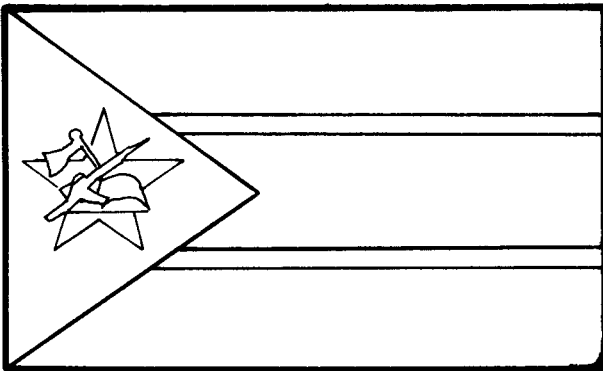
Flag of Botswana



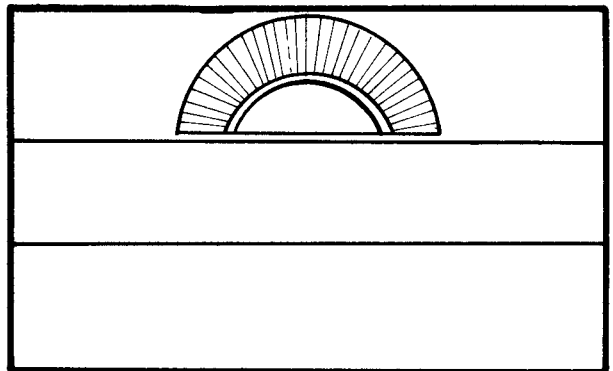
Flag of Zaire



Flag of Zimbabwe



Flag of Mozambique



Flag of Malawi

Countries of Africa *(cont.)*

<p style="text-align: center;">Botswana</p> <p>Area: about the size of Texas, 231,804 sq. miles (602,690 sq. kilometers)</p> <p>Capital: Gabarone</p> <p>Languages: Setswana, English</p> <p>Main Products: livestock, corn, peanuts, copper</p> <p>Money Unit: Pula</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zambia</p> <p>Area: 290,586 sq. miles (752,614 sq. kilometers)</p> <p>Capital: Lusaka</p> <p>Languages: English, Bantu</p> <p>Main Products: corn, peanuts, copper cobalt, zinc</p> <p>Money Unit: Kwacha</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Zimbabwe</p> <p>Area: slightly larger than Montana, 150,803 sq. miles (390,580 sq. kilometers)</p> <p>Capital: Harare</p> <p>Languages: Shona, English</p> <p>Main Products: chemicals, chromium, cotton</p> <p>Money Unit: Zimbabwe dollar</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Zaire</p> <p>Area: the size of the United States, 905,000 sq. miles (2,344,885 sq. kilometers)</p> <p>Capital: Kinshasa</p> <p>Languages: Bantu, French</p> <p>Main Products: copper, coffee, rice, cobalt, sugar cane</p> <p>Money Unit: Zaire</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Malawi</p> <p>Area: the size of Pennsylvania, 45,747 sq. miles (118,484 sq. kilometers)</p> <p>Capital: Lilongwe</p> <p>Languages: Chichewa, English</p> <p>Main Products: textiles, tea, rubber, tobacco</p> <p>Money Unit: Kwacha</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Mozambique</p> <p>Area: the size of Texas, 309,494 sq. miles (799,380 sq. kilometers)</p> <p>Capital: Maputo</p> <p>Languages: Bantu, Portuguese</p> <p>Main Products: cement, cashews, cotton, coal</p> <p>Money Unit: Metical</p>

Map of Africa

