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Trade Book Sheet

Title of book: Ashanti to Zulu

Author's name: Margaret Musgrove

Publisher: The Dial Press

Copyright year: 1976

Reading level: 840 L Grade 5

Genre: Multicultural

Synopsis of story: This book goes through the alphabet from A to Z describing a different culture or people from Africa.

Standard: 6.2.3 Connect and clarify main ideas by identifying their relationships to multiple sources and related topics.

Activity: Comparing Cultures

Materials

- Multiple copies of the book Ashanti to Zulu

Procedure

Assign to each student in the class one of the letters in the book. After they have read about their culture in Africa they are to compare what was learned about them to a different culture. The students may choose any other culture that they wish. Resources for this project may be books, magazines, the internet, etc. Students may exhibit their findings in any way they choose; examples would be a report, poster board, or other project.

Standard: K.1.6 Recognize and name all capital and lowercase letters of the alphabet.

Activity: The Alphabet Game Adapted from a lesson by Christopher Faulkner @

<http://www.lessonplanspage.com/printables/PLAAAlphabetGamehtm>

Materials

- Alphabet cards

Procedure

Sitting in chairs in a circle have the children choose an alphabet card out of a container. After handing out the cards, start with the child that picked the first card and have him/her identify the letter. Go to that letter in the book and read the paragraph about that culture in Africa. Continue around the room until all of the letters have been used. Note* Since this may take some time a few letters could be done each day instead of all of them being done at once.