

Artifact Kits

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African Recycled Toys view image	Features two elaborate recycled wire toys acquired in Cameroon - a motorcycle and touring car. The kit includes the book, <i>Galimoto</i> (GAL-lee-moe-toe) 'the Chichewa word for car, which tells how a boy in Malawi goes about collecting the wires to make his own recycled galimoto toy. The activity kit has slides and bulletin board display-photos of African children at play with their recycled toys and images of other recycled toys and musical instruments African children make. Includes a lesson plan and activity guide for a recycled art project for your own students. (You may also wish to check out the slide set <i>The Arts of Recycling and Recuperation</i> , by Allen Roberts, for use with this artifact kit).	Grades 3-8
Musical Instruments of West Africa view image	Features five different West African musical instruments - a carved slit drum, a metal gong, a slit bamboo scraper, a straw shaker, and a nutshell ankle-rattle. The kit includes the 22 min video and video discussion guide, <i>Discovering the Music of Africa</i> , a video designed to introduce primary and secondary students to African rattles, bells, and drums as musical instruments and as a means of communication. Slides of musical instruments and male and female West African musicians are included, as well as bulletin board photo-displays and an audiocassette of contemporary Cameroonian music. Includes lesson plan and activity guide in which students can make and play their own West African musical instrument.	Grades K-8
African Games and Story Songs view image	This activity kit is designed to get students involved in learning, playing, and singing a diverse range of African children's games and songs. The kit includes the book and 60-minute audiocassette <i>Let Your Voice Be Heard: Songs from Ghana and Zimbabwe</i> , an extensively annotated collection of 19 stick, stone, hand and name game songs, story songs with narrative, and multi-part recreational songs from Ghana and Zimbabwe. There is also a carved wooden gameboard with seed gamepieces for students to learn to play what is regarded as perhaps the world's oldest game - the popular African game called <i>songo</i> in Cameroon, <i>oware</i> in Ghana, and <i>mancala</i> in East Africa. Reproducible instructions are included, as well as a lesson plan to introduce students to the history of the game and an activity	Grades 3-8

	guide for students to make their own versions of this African gameboard.	
Special and Everyday Dress in Cameroon view image	This kit includes a man's hand-embroidered festive, ceremonial dress with matching hat. Also included are a tailored, machine-embroidered man's shirt and woman's smocked kaba dress (with matching hair-tie) that are popular dress items in everyday life. A Cameroonian doll dressed in the kaba dress ensemble illustrates the wearing of this popular style. There is also a man's and a woman's handwoven grass carrying bag, and a handcarved haircomb. The kit also features items associated with chiefly regalia - a carved wooden stool, special hat, feather fan, horsetail whisk, and drinking horn. Slides and bulletin board photo-displays of Cameroonian people dressed for special and everyday occasions introduce students to the real-life contexts of these different dress items. Includes lesson plan and activity guide, in which students can create their own Cameroonian carrying bag.	Grades K-8