

RENAISSANCE CHAPTER THE LINKS, INC.

PURPOSE:	Resource List
FACET:	International Trends and Services
PRINCIPLE:	A Renaissance of the SOUL

BLOG

BLOG TOPIC: "What will you contribute to the world to make it a better place?" What proof of your contribution will there be to put on display in the Museum of African Diaspora (MOAD)?"

BLOG TOPIC: While you are in the site, share your own stories. Tell the youth in the Congo about what your day is like in the United States.

CAREERS AND COLLEGE

Advanced Placement Human Geography

http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/sub_humangeo.html?humangeo

Get a head start! Take the AP Human Geography test and get college credit.

Association of American Geographers Career Guide

<http://www.aag.org/Careers/Intro.html>

Just what does a career in geography mean? Learn all about it in this career guide from AAG.

Geography Departments

http://www.aag.org/Careers/geography_departments.html

Looking into colleges? Choose one that has a geography department for courses or even a major.

Geospatial21

<http://www.geospatial21.org/>

Learn more about geospatial technologies and career opportunities.

GIS Careers

http://www.gis.com/careers/geospatial_career.html

A 2003 Department of Labor report cited Geographic Information Systems is

a top-three emerging industry. Learn more about it with this GIS career guide.

FIELD OF STUDY / STUDY ABROAD

Earthwatch

<http://www.earthwatch.org/site/pp.asp?c=dsJSK6PFJnH&b=393397>

Learn how to be an Earthwatch volunteer and take part in field research projects around the world.

Study Abroad

<http://www.studyabroad.com/>

Broaden your horizons—take part in a student exchange program, live abroad for a year, or spend your summer overseas.

Summer Youth Adventures (Yosemite National Institutes)

<http://www.yni.org/programs/summerprograms.html>

Experience the wilderness like never before, make lifelong friends, and have a summer you'll never forget.

Study Abroad Resources

<http://exchanges.state.gov/education/educationusa/abroadstudy.htm>

Want to experience life in another country? Check out the U.S. State Department's list of study abroad resources.

FUN AND GAMES

Chimp Challenge

http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals/mammals/challenges/flash/chimp_challenge.shtml

Can you learn the social reactions needed to survive in a troop of chimps?

Maps Games

http://sheppardsoftware.com/web_games.htm

Pick your level and see how much you know!

National Geographic GeoSpy Game

www.nationalgeographic.com/geospy

Quick! Pinpoint as many places as you can before time runs out.

Ocean Games

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/blueplanet/games.shtml>

Explore the deep in a sub, travel aboard an icebreaker, and head to sea as a fish in these rich games from BBC.

SuperVolcano

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sn/tvradio/programmes/supervolcano/game.shtml>

As the newly appointed chief of the Emergency Management Agency for Bluebear County, it's your job to handle an eruption of the fictional Mount Spur. Are you up to it?

Survival Zone

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/nature/animals/mammals/challenges/flash/grassland.shtml>

Can you survive in different habitats? You've got only your foxy wiles to help you.

Virtual House: Biodiversity Connections

<http://www.virtualhouse.org/>

Explore this virtual house and see what you can learn about how the way we live can affect our planet's biodiversity.

Africa for Kids

<http://pbskids.org/africa/>

Follow Femi from Nigeria and play a thumb piano, make a mask, hear a Swahili folktale, and more in this PBS site.

Everyday Explorer Scrapbook

<http://sb1.everydayexplorer.com/>

Share your adventures with the world! Take photos and create an online scrapbook.

Fin, Fur, and Feather Bureau of Investigation

<http://www.fffbi.com/>

Join animal agents and take part in interactive spy stories. Plus, try your hand at a world trivia game, listen to radio dramas, and more.

GeoNet

<http://www.eduplace.com/geonet/>

Choose a map, then answer questions to wend your way across the world.

National Geographic GeoBee Challenge

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee>

Can you beat the Bee? Play this daily geotrivia game.

National Geographic GeoSpy Game

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/geospy>

Quick! Pinpoint as many places as you can before time runs out.

National Geographic Kids

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/games/>

Cartoons, interactive adventures, funny fill-ins, and much more

Snuffy's Safari

<http://www.sesameworkshop.org/sesamestreet/games/flash.php?contentId=11944623>

Travel with Snuffy to the jungle, the ocean, and the Arctic.

Maps.com

<http://www.maps.com/games>

Help aliens reach their global destinations, race to name U.S. state capitals, try your hand at a geography crossword puzzle, and more.

What on Earth?

http://gaia.hq.nasa.gov/quiz/quiz_start-template.cfm

A game of Earth trivia from NASA

Create Games:

Learn to create fun online games and learn programming at the same time with [Scratch](http://www.scratch.mit.edu). (Use the link at the top right of the Scratch site to choose your language.) www.scratch.mit.edu

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATIONAL SYSTEM

EarthCache

<http://www.earthcache.org/>

Use a Global Positioning System (GPS) to hide and find treasures around the globe. Ready? Set. Go!

Geocaching

<http://www.geocaching.com/>

Take part in a real-life adventure game for GPS users. Hide a "treasure" or use location coordinates to find others' hidden caches.

Geographic Information Systems

<http://www.gis.com/index.cfm>

GIS is one of the hottest fields around. See where you can go with technology.

HOMEWORK HELP SITES

Geographic Resources From the Smithsonian

<http://www.SmithsonianEducation.org/MyWonderfulWorld/>

Select a continent and find rich online resources that span the globe.

National Geographic One-Stop Research

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/onestop/>

Type in your keyword (such as Egypt, sharks, or global warming) and get a list of all related resources from National Geographic—photos, maps, articles, and more.

National Geographic Homework Help

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/education/homework>

Try these links for information about subjects like animals, science, and places.

CIA World Factbook

<http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/>

Need information about any country in the world? Check this extensive resource.

MUSIC

National Geographic World Music

<http://worldmusic.nationalgeographic.com>

Listen to artists from around the world, watch music videos, and more.

Smithsonian Global Sound

<http://www.smithsonianglobalsound.org/>

Travel the world—one song at a time.

NEWS AND MEDIA

National Geographic News

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/news>

Get daily news—on animals and nature, science, archaeology, and much more—with a global perspective.

Youth Radio

<http://www.youthradio.org>

What would you do with your own radio show? Listen in to what the teens behind Youth Radio are doing on the environment and global issues.

Kids Newsroom

<http://www.kidsnewsroom.org/>

Each week a new story is added to this kid-friendly news site.

National Geographic Kids News

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/kids/>

National Geographic's online news site has stories written especially for kids.

TIME for Kids

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/>

Catch up on current events, take polls, meet kid reporters, and more.

Science News for Kids

<http://www.sciencenewsforkids.org/>

This site from Science Service is geared toward kids ages 9-13.

BBC Newsround

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/default.stm>

This BBC news site includes games, quizzes, polls, and chat.

VIDEOS & PHOTOS

Poaching in Kenya

<http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/player/news/>

Photos of Modern Africa provided by PBS

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/africa/photoscope/index.html>

Pictures of Africa

<http://www.africapictures.com/>

RESEARCH TOOLS

World Book Encyclopedia

<http://www.worldbook.com/>

WALLPAPER & SCREEN SAVERS

My Wonderful World Wall Paper

<http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/wallpaper.html>

Download and install the Africa screen saver sponsored by PBS.

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/africa/about/screensaver.html>

BOOKS

AFRICA: A BIOGRAPHY OF THE CONTINENT. John Reader. Vintage Books, 1999

AFRICA IN CHAOS. George B. N. Ayittey. Palgrave, 1999

AFRICANA: THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE AFRICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE . Kwame Anthony Appiah, Henry Louis, Jr. Gates(Editor). Basic Civitas Books, 1999.

THE BLACK MAN'S BURDEN: AFRICA AND THE CURSE OF THE NATION-STATE. Basil Davidson. Times Books, 1993

THE BLUE NILE. Alan Moorehead. Harperperennial Library, 2000

GORILLAS IN THE MIST. Dian Fossey. Houghton Mifflin Co., 2000

IN THE DUST OF KILIMANJARO. David Western. Island Press, 1997

INTO THE HOUSE OF THE ANCESTORS: INSIDE THE NEW AFRICA. Karl Maier . John Willey & Sons, 1999.

KING LEOPOLD'S GHOST: A STORY OF GREED, TERROR AND HEROISM IN COLONIAL AFRICA. Adam Hochschild, Houghton Mifflin Co., 1999

SAHARA UNVEILED: A JOURNEY ACROSS THE DESERT. William Langewiesche. Vintage Books, 1997

THE SCRAMBLE FOR AFRICA: WHITE MAN'S CONQUEST OF THE DARK CONTINENT FROM 1876 TO 1912. Thomas Pakenham. Avon Books, 1992

THE SERENGETI'S GREAT MIGRATION. Carlo Mari . Abbeville Press, 2000

WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT TOMORROW WE WILL BE KILLED WITH OUR FAMILIES: STORIES FROM RWANDA. Philip Gourevitch. Picador, 1999

THE WHITE NILE. Alan Moorehead. Harperperennial Library, 2000

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INTERACTIVE LEARNING MUSEUM

National Geographic Xpedition Learning Museum

<http://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/xpeditions/hall/index.html>

TEEN WEBSITES

National Geographic Xpediition

<http://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/xpeditions/>

My wonderful World

http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/kidsteens_welcome.html

JASON connects young students with great explorers and great events to inspire and motivate them to learn science. Its core curriculum units are designed for 5th – 8th grade classrooms but are flexible enough to be adapted for higher or lower grades.

<http://www.jason.org/public/home.aspx>

PBS' Explore Africa

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/africa/explore/index.html>

Africa for Kids

<http://pbskids.org/africa/>

ATLAS AND MAPS

National Geographic Electronic Xpediition Atlas

<http://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/xpeditions/atlas/>

My Wonderful World Wall Map

<http://www.mywonderfulworld.org/maps.html>

Google Earth

<http://earth.google.com/>

Explore the world with this 3-D globe. Type in an address and zoom right down to street-level.

National Geographic MapMachine

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/mapmachine>

Get National Geographic's award-winning atlas maps online, free.

National Geographic Xpeditions Outline Maps

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/atlas/>

These black-and-white outline maps are perfect for reports, homework, and classroom handouts. Choose the level of detail you want each map to have.

AFRICAN WEBSITES

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC: AFRICA

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/africa/>

Learn more about Africa at National Geographic's site for the AFRICA series. Check out photo galleries on topics ranging from rainforest dwellers to Southern Africa's Bushmen. Get the latest news from hot spots throughout the continent. Then, browse through a wealth of AFRICA-related products, including maps, screensavers and more.

AFRICAM

<http://www.africam.com>

Watch wild animals in national parks and game reserves throughout Africa via Africam's live camera connection. Images are updated every 15 seconds. For more information on the animals featured, check out the site's Field Guide; the Camguide will give you information on African regions and additional wildlife resources.

ALL AFRICA

<http://allafrica.com>

All Africa is the Web's leading news service for Africa, providing up-to-the-minute stories each day from over 70 news organizations throughout Africa.

AFRICA RESOURCE CENTER

<http://www.africaresource.com/index.htm>

Read e-journals on African art, women's issues, immigration policies, poetry and philosophy. Also includes a well-organized listing of resources on topics ranging from economic development to orisha,

AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA

<http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html>

A one-stop shop for online African resources from Stanford University.

AFRICA'S DIAMOND WARS

<http://www.nytimes.com/library/world/africa/040600africa-diamonds.html>

Find out how diamonds are fueling wars across Africa in this in-depth special report from The New York Times.

AFRICAN VOICES

<http://www.mnh.si.edu/africanvoices>

Read about Africa's past, learn how to carve a Yoruba wood statue, or find out how the Kongo of central Africa commune with their ancestors in this exhibit from the Smithsonian.

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

<http://www.amnh.org/>

One of the United States' premier natural history museums, located in New York City, houses a vast collection of African objects. Both the museum and the Web site are places of research and cultural exploration for the young and old alike.

HOPES ON THE HORIZON

<http://www.pbs.org/hopes/index.html>

This PBS site takes a look at forces for democratic change in six African countries: Benin, Nigeria, Rwanda, Morocco, Mozambique and South Africa.

THE STORY OF AFRICA

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/africa/features/storyofafrica/>

Drawing on the perspective of African historians, this BBC site explores events, people, and cultures that have shaped African history from ancient times to the de-colonization campaigns of the 1960s.

WONDERS OF THE AFRICAN WORLD WITH HENRY LOUIS GATES, JR.

<http://www.pbs.org/wonders/index.html>

From the mosques of Mali to the pyramids of Egypt, join Harvard University Professor Henry Louis Gates as he explores Africa in this online companion to the 1999 PBS TV series.

AFRICAN ART

AFROPOP WORLDWIDE

<http://www.afropop.org/>

Groove to the tunes of African pop music, from Madagascar to Senegal. Rap about African gospel music, or read Afropop's interviews with celebrity African musicians.

AFRICAN ART AND RITUALS OF DIVINATION

<http://www.metmuseum.org/explore/oracle/index.html>

An unusual exhibit from the Metropolitan Museum of Art on art forms used in traditional African religions.

DANCE DRUMMER

<http://www.dancedrummer.com/trad.html>

Learn to play West African drums via QuickTime movies or read about the history of these powerful instruments.

MUSEUM OF AFRICAN ART

<http://www.africanart.org>

A dedicated artistic enclave in the heart of New York's Soho, the Museum of African Art offers details on current exhibits, educational programs and a wealth of links and resources on African art.

THE BAOBAB PROJECT

<http://web-dubois.fas.harvard.edu/DuBois/baobab/baobab.html>

Harvard's Baobab Project is one of the largest academic studies of African art. Pour over an image database of 17,000 images, check out cultural studies on specific ethnic groups or browse through a collection of multimedia case studies.

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