

## World Geography African Story-telling Activity

### Introduction

African cultures, like many other cultures have proverbs. Proverbs are short sayings with a message that teaches a lesson. In this activity you will learn more about African proverbs.

### The Task

In this activity, you will visit sites on the Internet to read African proverbs. Next, you will pick your favorite proverb and write a paragraph explaining in your own words, what the proverb means. Finally, you will create an iMovie or PowerPoint that explains what the proverb means.

### Exploring the Web

1. Visit one or more of the following web sites to read various African Proverbs.
2. Pick one proverb that applies to your life.
3. Copy the proverb and its meaning (if it is given) or find out the meaning.

Swahili/Kanga readings- This site has a long list of African proverbs written in Swahili, translated into English with their meaning explained. <http://www.glcom.com/hassan/kanga.html>

Akan Goldweights- This site lists African proverbs and uses African gold weights to illustrate them. It also gives the meaning of the proverb.

[http://www.marshall.edu/akanart/abrammoo\\_abramobe.html](http://www.marshall.edu/akanart/abrammoo_abramobe.html)

African Proverbs, Sayings and Stories- This site is more of a challenge. It lists many African proverbs, but it doesn't give its meaning. You would need to find the meaning by reading the proverb, making an educated guess about its meaning and then checking with your teacher or another knowledgeable person to make sure you're correct. <http://www.afriprov.org/index.htm>

### Creating a Product

1. Pick your proverb
2. Write an interpretation of the proverb. In your paragraph, explain in your own words, what the lesson of the proverb is and what it means. This explanation will become your narration to your iMovie project or PowerPoint presentation.

The following sites have graphics of Africa that you can incorporate into your final project.

African Symbols - Scroll down to the symbols section of this site. You can click on any of the blue words to see African symbols and art.

<http://www.lam.mus.ca.us/africa/teacher/bowers/058.htm>

African animal graphics <http://www.wildlifeafrica.co.za/>