

# Modern History Sourcebook: Charter of the Organisation of African Unity, May 25 1963

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We, the Heads of African States and Governments assembled in the City of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia;

Convinced that it is the inalienable right of all people to control their own destiny;

conscious of the fact that freedom, equality, justice and dignity are essential objectives for the achievement of the legitimate aspirations of the African peoples;

Conscious of our responsibility to harness the natural and human resources of our continent for the total advancement of our peoples in spheres of human endeavour;

Inspired by a common determination to promote understanding among our peoples and co-operation among our States in response to the aspirations of our peoples for brotherhood and solidarity, in a larger unity transcending ethnic and national differences;

Convinced that, in order to translate this determination into a dynamic force in the cause of human progress, conditions for peace and security must be established and maintained;

Determined to safeguard and consolidate the hard-won independence as well as the sovereignty and territorial integrity, of our States, and to fight against neo-colonialism in all its forms;

Dedicated to the general progress of Africa;

Persuaded that the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, to the principles of which we reaffirm our adherence, provide a solid foundation for peaceful and positive co-operation among States;

Desirous that all African States should henceforth unite so that the welfare and well-being of their peoples can be assured;

Resolved to reinforce the links between our states by establishing and strengthening common institutions;

Have agreed to the present Charter.

## **ESTABLISHMENT**

### *Article I*

1. The High Contracting Parties do by the present Charter establish an Organization to be known as the ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY.
2. The Organization shall include the Continental African States, Madagascar and other Islands surrounding Africa,

## **PURPOSES**

### *Article II*

1. The Organization shall have the following purposes:
  - a. to promote the unity, and solidarity. of the African States;
  - b. to co-ordinate and intensify their co-operation and efforts to achieve a better life for the peoples of Africa;
  - c. to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity and independence
  - d. to eradicate all forms of colonialism from Africa; and
  - e. to promote international co-operation, having due regard to the Charter of the United Nations and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
2. To these ends, the Member States shall co-ordinate and harmonize their general policies, especially in the following fields:
  - a. political and diplomatic co-operation;
  - b. economic co-operation, including transport and communications.
  - c. educational and cultural co-operation;
  - d. health, sanitation, and nutritional co-operation;
  - c. scientific and technical co-operation; and
  - f. co-operation for defence and security.

## **PRINCIPLES**

### *Article III*

The Member States, in pursuit of the purposes stated in Article II, solemnly affirm and declare their adherence to the following principles:

1. the sovereign equality of all Member States;
2. non-interference in the internal affairs of States;
3. respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each State and for its inalienable right to independent existence;
4. peaceful settlement of disputes by negotiation, mediation, conciliation or arbitration;
5. unreserved condemnation, in all its forms, of political assassination as well as of subversive activities on the part of neighboring States or any other State;
6. absolute dedication to the total emancipation of the African territories which are still dependent;
7. affirmation of a policy of non-alignment with regard to all blocs.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

### *Article IV*

Each independent sovereign African State shall be entitled to become a Member of the Organization.

## **RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MEMBER STATES**

### *Article V*

All Member States shall enjoy equal rights and have equal duties.

### *Article VI*

The Member States pledge themselves to observe scrupulously the principles enumerated in Article III of the present Charter.

## **CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

### *Article XXXII*

Any State which desires to renounce its membership shall forward a written notification to the Administrative Secretary-General. At the end of one Year from the date of such notification, if not withdrawn, the Charter shall cease to apply with respect to the renouncing State, which shall thereby cease to belong to the Organization.

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**Source:**

from *Organization of African Unity: Basic Documents and Resolutions* (Addis Ababa: n.d., The Provisional Secretariat of the Organization of African Unity), pp. 7-13.

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# Modern History Sourcebook: United Nations: Declaration on Granting Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, 1960

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*General Assembly Resolution 1514 (XV), December 14, 1960*

## *The General Assembly,*

*Mindful* of the determination proclaimed by the peoples of the world in the Charter of the United Nations to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

*Conscious* of the need for the creation of conditions of stability and well-being and peaceful and friendly relations based on respect for the principles of equal rights and self-determination of all peoples, and of universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language or religion,

Recognizing the passionate yearning for freedom in all dependent peoples and the decisive role of such peoples in the attainment of their independence,

*Aware* of the increasing conflicts resulting from the denial of or impediments in the way of freedom of such peoples, which constitute a serious threat to world peace,

*Considering* the important role of the United Nations in assisting the movement for independence in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories,

*Recognizing* that the peoples of the world ardently desire the end of colonialism in all its manifestations,

*Convinced* that the continued existence of colonialism prevents the development of international economic co-operation, impedes the social, cultural and economic development of dependent peoples and militates against the United Nations ideal of universal peace,

*Affirming* that peoples may, for their own ends, freely dispose of their natural wealth and resources without prejudice to any obligations arising out of international economic co-operation, based upon the principle of mutual benefit, and international law,

*Believing* that the process of liberation is irresistible and irreversible and that, in order to avoid serious crises, an end must be put to colonialism and all practices of segregation

and discrimination associated therewith,

*Welcoming* the emergence in recent years of a large number of dependent territories into freedom and independence, and recognizing the increasingly powerful trends towards freedom in such territories which have not yet attained independence,

*Convinced* that all peoples have an inalienable right to complete freedom, the exercise of their sovereignty and the integrity of their national territory,

*Solemnly proclaims* the necessity of bringing to a speedy and unconditional end colonialism in all its forms and manifestations;

And to this end Declares that:

1. The subjection of peoples to alien subjugation, domination and exploitation constitutes a denial of fundamental human rights, is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations and is an impediment to the promotion of world peace and co-operation.
2. All peoples have the right to self-determination; by virtue of that right they freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development.
3. Inadequacy of political, economic, social or educational preparedness should never serve as a pretext for delaying independence.
4. All armed action or repressive measures of all kinds directed against dependent peoples shall cease in order to enable them to exercise peacefully and freely their right to complete independence, and the integrity of their national territory shall be respected.
5. Immediate steps shall be taken, in Trust and Non-Self-Governing Territories or all other territories which have not yet attained independence, to transfer all powers to the peoples of those territories, without any conditions or reservations, in accordance with their freely expressed will and desire, without any distinction as to race, creed or colour, in order to enable them to enjoy complete independence and freedom.
6. Any attempt aimed at the partial or total disruption of the national unity and the territorial integrity of a country is incompatible with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.
7. All States shall observe faithfully and strictly the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the present Declaration on the basis of equality, non-interference in the internal affairs of all States, and respect for the sovereign rights of all peoples and their territorial integrity.

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**Source:**

from United Nations, General Assembly, *Official Records, Fifteenth Session, Supplement No. 16*, pp. 66-67.

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# Modern History Sourcebook: All-African People's Conference: Resolution on Imperialism and Colonialism, Accra, December 5-13, 1958

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## CONFERENCE RESOLUTION ON IMPERIALISM AND COLONIALISM

Whereas the great bulk of the African continent has been carved out arbitrarily to the detriment of the indigenous African peoples by European Imperialists, namely: Britain, France, Belgium, Spain, Italy and Portugal.

(2) Whereas in this process of colonisation. two groups of colonial territories have emerged, to wit:

(a) Those territories where indigenous Africans are dominated by foreigners who have their seats of authority in foreign lands, for example, French West Africa, French Equatorial Africa, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Belgian Congo, Portuguese Guinea, Basutoland, Swaziland and Bechuanaland.

(b) Those where indigenous Africans are dominated and oppressed by foreigners who have settled permanently in Africa and who regard the position of Africa under their sway as belonging more to them than to the Africa, e.g. Kenya, Union of South Africa, Algeria, Rhodesia, Angola and Mozambique.

(3) Whereas world opinion unequivocally condemns oppression and subjugation of one race by another in whatever shape or form.

(4) Whereas all African peoples everywhere strongly deplore the economic exploitation of African peoples by imperialist countries thus reducing Africans to poverty in the midst of plenty.

(5) Whereas all African peoples vehemently resent the militarisation of Africans and the use of African soldiers in a nefarious global game against their brethren as in Algeria, Kenya, South Africa, Cameroons, Ivory Coast, Rhodesia and in the Suez Canal invasion.

(6) Whereas fundamental human rights, freedom of speech, freedom of association, freedom of movement, freedom of worship, freedom to live a full and abundant life, as approved by the All-African People's Conference on 13th December, 1958, are denied to Africans through the activities of imperialists.

(7) Whereas denial of the franchise to Africans on the basis of race or sex has been one of the principal instruments of colonial policy by imperialists and their agents, thus



making it feasible for a few white settlers to lord it over millions of indigenous Africans as in the proposed Central African Federation, Kenya, Union of South Africa, Algeria, Angola, Mozambique and the Cameroons.

(8) Whereas imperialists are now coordinating their activities by forming military and economic pacts such as NATO, European Common Market, Free Trade Area, Organisation for European Economic Co-operation, Common Organisation in Sahara for the purpose of strengthening their imperialist activities in Africa and elsewhere,

Be it resolved and it is hereby resolved by; the All-African People's Conference meeting in Accra 5th to 13th December, 1958, and comprising over 300 delegates representing over 200 million Africans from all parts of Africa as follows:

1. That the All-African People's Conference vehemently condemns colonialism and imperialism in whatever shape or form these evils are perpetuated.
  2. That the political and economic exploitation of Africans by imperialist Europeans should cease forthwith.
  3. That the use of African manpower in the nefarious game of power politics by imperialists should be a thing of the past.
  4. That independent African States should pursue in their international policy principles which will expedite and accelerate the independence and sovereignty of all dependent and colonial African territories.
  5. That fundamental human rights be extended to all men and women in Africa and that the rights of indigenous Africans to the fullest use of their lands be respected and preserved.
  6. That universal adult franchise be extended to all persons in Africa regardless of race or sex.
  7. That independent African states ensure that fundamental human rights and universal adult franchise are fully extended to everyone within their states as an example to imperial nations who abuse and ignore the extension of those rights to Africans.
  8. That a permanent secretariat of the All-African People's Conference be set up to organise the All-African Conference on a firm basis.
  9. That a human rights committee of the Conference be formed to examine complaints of abuse of human rights in every part of Africa and to take appropriate steps to ensure the enjoyment of the rights by everyone.
  10. That the All-African People's Conference in Accra declares its full support to all fighters for freedom in Africa, to all those who resort to peaceful means of non-violence and civil disobedience, as well as to all those who are compelled to retaliate against violence to attain national independence and freedom for the people. Where such retaliation becomes necessary, the Conference condemns all legislations which consider those who fight for their independence and freedom as ordinary criminals.
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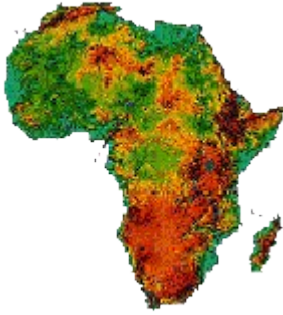
from the *All-African People's Conference News Bulletin*, Vol. I, No. 4 (Accra: 1959), pp. 1-2.

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## **Internet African History Sourcebook**

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Africa is both the most clearly defined of continents - in its geography - and the hardest to pin down in historical terms. Human beings originated in Africa and, as a result, there is more diversity of human types and societies than anywhere else. It is not possible, in any non-ideological way, to claim any one of these peoples or societies as more essentially "African" than others; nor is it possible to exclude a given society as "not really African".

On this site historical sources on the history of human societies in the continent of Africa are presented, when available, without making prejudgements about what is "African".

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This page is a subset of texts derived from the three major online **Sourcebooks** listed below. For more contextual information, for instance about the Islamic world, check out these web sites.

- [Internet Ancient History Sourcebook](#)
- [Internet Medieval Sourcebook](#)
- [Internet Modern History Sourcebook](#)

**Notes:** In addition to direct links to documents, links are made to a number of other web resources.

**2ND** Link to a secondary article, review or discussion on a given topic.

**MEGA** Link to one of the *megasites* which track web resources.

**WEB** Link to a website focused on a specific issue.. These are not links to every site on a given topic, but to sites of serious educational value.



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# African History: General

## *General*

### *Debates*

Note that these "debates" may have more to do with Modern United States society than African history.

- **2ND** Ann Macy Roth: [Building Bridges to Afrocentrism](#) [At UPenn]
- **2ND** Molefi Kete Asante: [Multiculturalism and the Academy](#) [At ASU]
- **2ND** Ibrahim Sundiata: [Afrocentrism: The Argument We're Really Having](#), Dissonance, 1996 [At Dissoance]

### **Black Athena Debate**

- **2ND** [Bernal on Lefkowitz](#) Review of Lefkowitz, ed. *Not Out of Africa* [At BMCR]
- **2ND** [Lefkowitz on Bernal on Lefkowitz](#) [At BMCR]
  - Presented in parts [At africanhistory.com]:  
[Part I](#), [Part II](#)
- **2ND** Dr. Charles S. Finch III, M.D., [Response to Mary Lefkowitz's Not Out of Africa](#) [At MAAT News]  
Begins with an ad hominem attack on Lefkowitz, and goes downhill from there.
- [Greek Quotes on Egypt/Africa](#) [At Internet Archive, from Skyeagle]

### **Cheikh Anta Diop**

- [Cheikh Anta Diop: The Pharoan of Knowledge](#) [At Camara's Homepage]  
Laudatory obituary of Diop, with summary of his work.

### **Stolen Legacy**

- Femi Akomolafe: [Review of George G. M. James, Stolen Legacy](#) [At WHA]  
Not so much a review as a celebration.
- Mary Lefkowitz : [The Myth of a 'Stolen Legacy'](#), Review of George G.M. James's revisionist book about Greek and African history, *Stolen Legacy* 1954, *Society*, March-April 1994 v31 n3 p27(7) [At Conscious Evolution]

### **"Afrocentric" Websites**

- **WEB** [The Afrocentric Debate Resource Homepage](#)

- [WEB Km.T Liberation Front](#) [At Geocities]  
"Stolen culture" theorists.



## African Origins

### *Human Origins*

- [WEB Geology and Geologic Time](#) [At Berkeley]
- [WEB Evolution: Theory and History](#) [At Berkeley]
- [WEB How Humans Evolved](#) [At WW Norton]
- [WEB Human Origins and Evolution in Africa](#) [At Indiana]
- [WEB University of California Museum of Anthropology](#) [At Berkeley]
- [WEB Origins of Mankind Page](#) [At Talk.Origins]
- [WEB Creationism FAQ](#) [At Talk.Origins]
- [2ND Introduction to Evolutionary Biology](#) [At Talk.Origins]



## Egypt

### *General*

- [MEGA Abzu: Guide to Resources for the Study of the Ancient Near East Available on the Internet](#) [Website-OI]
- [MEGA Egyptology Resources](#) [Website-Cambridge]
- [WEB History of Ancient Egypt Page](#) [Website-College of Charleston]
- [WEB Neferchichi's ClipArt](#)  
Images of divinities, and much more.
- **Maps**
  - [WEB Egypt Maps](#) [At Mankato]
  - [Nile Delta from Space](#) [At NASA]
- **Chronologies**  
There are myriad competing "high, middle, and low" chronologies for Egyptian history. See under Mesopotamia above for some links on these issues.
  - [Chronology of Egyptian History](#) [At College of Charleston]  
This is the chronology used here.
  - [Timeline of Egyptian History](#) [At CMNH]
  - [List of Egyptian Dynasties](#) [At Ukonline]  
Includes names for each ruler.
- **Modern Egyptology**
  - [2ND Jean François Champollion](#) [At KMT][Modern

Account]

### ***The Old Kingdom (2705-2213 BCE) [Dynasties 3-8]***

- [The Palette of Narmer](#) 3200BC [At Then Again]
- [The Instruction of Ptah-Hotep](#), 6th Dynasty [This Site]
- [The Instruction of Ptah Hotep](#) 6th Dynasty (2300-2150 BCE)[in Egyptian][on AOL]  
Contains Middle Kingdom copies of an Old Kingdom text.
- [Hymn to the Nile](#), (c. 2100 BCE) [This Site]
- [Instruction on Writing](#) [At iwebland]
- **WEB** [The Pyramids](#) [PBS Website]
- **WEB** [Pyramid Construction](#) [At TourEgypt]  
Discusses and illustrates various possible methods.
- **WEB** [Step Pyramid of Doser](#) c.2800 BCE [At UPenn][Clickable Image][

### ***The Middle Kingdom (1991-1668 BCE) [Dynasties 12-13]***

- Hyksos Invasion, c.1750-1550 BCE

### ***The New Kingdom (1570-1070 BCE) [Dynasties 18-20]***

- [Birth of Hatshepsut](#) 18th Dynasty [At Internet Archive, from Creighton]
- [The Battle of Meggido](#), Egyptian Account, c. 1469 BCE [At Hillsdale]
- [The Battle of Kadesh](#), Egyptian Account, c. 1294 BCE [At Hillsdale]
- **WEB** [Valley of the Kings](#) [At PLU]  
The royal cemetery of Egypt's New Kingdom.
- **2ND** Sayed Z. El-SayedL [Hatshepsut's Mission to Punt](#) [At TAMU]

### ***Akhnaten [Amenhotep IV](r. 1363-1347 BCE)***

- Akhnaten (r. 1363-1347 BCE): [Hymn to Aten](#) [At Internet Archive, from Creighton]
- Akhnaten (r. 1363-1347 BCE): [Hymn to Aten](#) [At Eliade]

### ***Post Imperial Egypt (1070-332 BCE) [Dynasties 21-31]***

- Herodotus (c.490-c.425 BCE): [Egypt after the Persian Invasion](#), Book 2 of *The Histories*, [At Tufts]
- **WEB** [The Rosetta Stone](#) [British Library] and [translation](#)

### ***Religion***

- **WEB** [Egyptian Religion](#) [Website-At Internet Archive, from Mankato]
- **2ND** [Two Approaches to an Egyptian Pantheon](#) [At Internet Archive, from UNT]
- **Origin Myths**



- [Creation by Atum](#) [At Internet Archive, from Creighton]
- [Atum: A Bisexual God](#) [At Enteract.com]
- [The High God in the Age of the Coffin Texts](#) [At Eliade]
- [Egyptian Creation Story](#) [Harmonized Version][At Theology WebSite]
- [Hathor's Rage and the Destruction of Mankind](#) [At Theology WebSite]
- [The Book of Overthrowing Apophis: Egyptian Cosmogony and Theogony](#) [At Eliade]
- **The Memphite Theology**
  - [The Memphite Theology](#) [At Internet Archive, from Creighton]  
Ptah as creator god.
- **Isis and Osiris**
  - [Isis Receives the True and Hidden Name of Re](#) [At Internet Archive, from AOL-Wiccan Site]
  - [The Osirian Cycle](#) [At Theology Website]
  - [Debate Between Osiris and the High God](#) *Book of the Dead* 176 [At Eliade]
  - [A Spell for the Revival of Osiris](#) *Coffin Texts* 74 [At Eliade]
  - [Contention of Horus and Seth](#) [At Theology WebSite]
- **Death and Resurrection**
  - [The Dead Pharaoh Ascends to Heaven](#) from *Pyramid Texts* (Ca. 2425-2300 B.C.) [At Eliade]  
Among the oldest Egyptian religious texts. At this stage survival is for the pharaoh.
  - [The Dead Pharaoh Becomes Osiris](#) from *Pyramid Texts* [At Eliade]
  - [Osiris - the Prototype of Every Soul Who Hopes to Conquer Death](#) *Coffin Texts*, I, 197 [At Eliade]  
The *Coffin Texts* from the interior of coffins, belong to the Middle Kingdom (2250-1580 BCE) and indicate 'democratization' of the ancient funerary ritual - each soul now hoped to achieve a ritual assimilation to the god. [At Eliade]
  - [Man's Soul Identified with Osiris and Nature](#) *Coffin Texts* 330 [At Eliade]
  - [Survival as Ba, Survival in the Tomb are Complementary](#) [At Eliade]
  - [The Egyptian Land of Silence and Darkness](#) [At Eliade]
  - [The Book of Ani](#), or the Egyptian Book of the Dead [At Upenn][Full text in E. Wallis Budge's translation.]
  - [Hymn to Ra](#), from the *Book of Ani*, [At this site]
  - [Judgement of the Dead](#) *Book of the Dead*, Chapter 25 [At WSU]
  - [The Egyptian Negative Confession](#) *Book of the Dead*, Chapter 125 [At Eliade]
  - Herodotus (c.490-c.425 BCE): [Description of Mummification](#) [At UVA]  
With a CT scan of a mummy.
  - [WEB Death in Ancient Egypt](#) [At ABZU]  
Includes an illustrated guide to various topics, including *Ba*

and *Ka*.

### ***Art and Architecture***

- [WEB Mark Millmore's Ancient Egypt](#) [At eyelid.co.uk]  
Spectacular images of pyramids and temples.
- [WEB Museo Gregoriano Egiziano](#) [At Christusrex]  
Images from the Vatican's Egyptian Museum.
- [WEB Egypt Image Index](#) [At EAWC]

### ***Literature***

- [Tale of Two Brothers](#) [At Perankh Group]
- [Lover Songs of ChesterBeatty Papyrus I](#) [At Egyptology.com]  
A homosexual love poem?

### ***Music***

- [WEB Egyptian Music](#) [*La musica nell'antico Egitto*][Website]  
The site is in Italian. The [Instruments Page](#) and the [Papyrus Illustrations Page](#) are especially interesting.

### ***Everyday Life***

- [2ND Hieroglyphic Writing](#) [At eyelid.co.uk]
- [2ND Plumbing in Egypt](#) [At theplumber.com]
- [2ND Carol Meyer: Bir Umm Fawakhir: Insights into Ancient Egyptian Mining](#) *JOM* 9:3 (1997), 64-68. [At JOM]  
Mining in 5-6th Century CE Egypt.
- [WEB Life in Ancient Egypt](#) [Website]  
At the Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Modern text with ample illustrations on everyday life and religious beliefs and practices.
- [WEB Everyday Life in Egypt](#) [Website-MNSU]  
Includes short texts.
- [WEB Egyptian Medicine](#) [Internet Archive]  
Some short texts and illustrations

### ***Mathematics***

- [2ND Egyptian Mathematics](#) [At eyelid.co.uk]
- [2ND Egyptian Mat-tics](#) [At Buffalo]  
With translations of problems.
- [WEB Egyptian Fractions](#) [At UCI][Website]  
A website which discusses Egyptian fractions, and which has links to other sites on Egyptian mathematics.

### ***Gender and Sexuality***

- For Women: see [WEB Diotima](#)
  - [Status of Women in Egyptian Society](#), by Peter Piccione [At Internet Archive, from NWU]

- For gender variants: See [WEB People With a History: Near East and Egypt](#)
  - [Contention of Horus and Seth](#) [At Theology WebSite]  
Ends with Seth penetrating Horus.

### *Modern Perspectives on Egypt*

- [2ND A Conspiracy Theory](#) [At Melanet]



## **Other Ancient African Societies**

### *General*

- [Accounts of Meröe, Kush, and Axum](#), c. 430 BCE - 550 CE  
From Herodotus, Strabo, Dio Cassius, the King of Axum, and Procopius of Caesarea
- [WEB Mr. Dowling's Virtual Classroom: Ancient Africa](#)  
Well done. Aimed at a grade school readership.

### *Nubia*

- [Accounts of Ancient Nubia & Ethiopia](#), c. 430 BCE - 550 CE  
From Herodotus, Strabo, Diodorus, the King of Axum, and Procopius of Caesarea.
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## Further Resources on African History

- **WEB GUIDES**
  - [MEGA Africa South of the Sahara](#) [At Stanford]
  - [MEGA Africa-History](#) [Part of the Stanford Site]  
A very well done guide.
  - [MEGA Africa Web Links: an Annotated Resource List](#) [At UPenn]  
With specific pages for each country.
  - [MEGA Black/African Related Resources](#) [At UPenn]
  - [MEGA An A-Z of of African Studies on the Internet](#) [At MSU]
  - [Keele Guide to African Government and Politics on the Internet](#) [At Keele University]
  - [MEGA Yahoo! African History](#)
  - [MEGA Africa Connector](#) [At Columbia]
  - [MEGA H-Africa](#) [At H-Net]
  - [MEGA African Philosophy Resources](#)  
A very useful links site - links to syllabi and online secondary discussions.
- **AFRICA INFORMATION SOURCES**
  - [MEGA African News Sources Online](#) [At Kidon Media]  
An extensive guide to African newspapers, radio stations, etc. online.

- [TIMELINE Timeline](#) [At Central Oregon CC]  
Splendid multi part chronology, with links to texts, images, discussions. The best of the timelines online.
- [TIMELINE WebChron: Africa](#) [At Then Again]  
Useful chronology.
- [WEB Africa on the Internet](#): Starting Points for Policy Information
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  - [WEB Civilizations in Africa](#) [At WSU]  
Online course and text resources by Richard Hooker. Includes a [net resources guide](#). Splendid.
  - [WEB Prof. Timothy Scarnecchia: African History Syllabi](#) [At Georgetown]
  - [WEB The Afroasiatic Index Project](#) [At Oriental Institute/Chicago]  
"a scholarly initiative that aims at creating an etymological database of Afroasiatic languages."
  - [WEB African Heritage Cultural Center](#)
  - [WEB Connections: A Culturally Historical Prospective of West African to African American](#) [At Internet Archive]
  - [WEB Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture](#)  
A leading New York institution.
  - [WEB World History Archives: Africa in General](#)  
Less useful than its name suggests.
- **OTHER AFRICAN STUDIES RESOURCES**
  - [WEB Clyde Winter's Page](#)  
Beyond "Afrocentrism"! Winter's posts article on the African origin of \*every\* culture - China, Olmecs, Maya, Harrapa, etc.
  - [WEB Christine's Genealogy Site](#)  
A really good site on African and African-American genealogy.
  - [WEB Mircea Eliade: From Primitives to Zen](#) [at enteract.com]  
Complete texts of Eliade's religion anthology online.

## Other Resources

- [WEB Exploring Africa](#) [At USC]  
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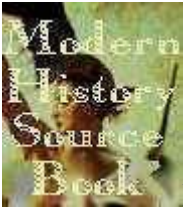
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