

Context / Background Information

Oxford Reference Online

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

Entries in encyclopedias published by Oxford Univ. Press; authoritative alternative to wikipedia

The Cambridge History of Africa

Print: obis.oberlin.edu/record=b1256962~S4

Volume 5: [from 1790 to 1870](#)

Volume 6: [from 1870 to 1905](#)

Volume 7: [from 1905 to 1940](#)

Volume 8: [from 1940 to 1975](#)

Guide to research and reference works on Sub-Saharan Africa

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Africa bibliography

Main Reference Z3501.B54 2013 (Last 10 years in Main Ref; previous years Main Library)

Finding books and more

OBIS : <http://obis.oberlin.edu/> Catalog of books and ebooks available at Oberlin

OhioLINK : <http://olc1.ohiolink.edu/search/> Catalog of books and more at other Ohio libraries, many of which you can request; delivered in ~3-5 days

Center for Research Libraries <http://catalog.crl.edu> Oberlin is a member; you can request materials in this catalog via ILLiad

Databases for finding scholarly articles

Historical Abstracts articles in history journals covering world history

Environment Complete articles from many fields relating to environmental studies

Agricola journal articles and reports on agriculture worldwide

Anthropology Plus journals and research in anthropology

Academic Search Complete large multi-disciplinary database

Biodiversity Heritage Library open access research on global biodiversity

Google Scholar Search engine of scholarly from all fields, some freely available articles. 'Cited By' links especially useful; never pay for articles, check journal finder or use ILLiad to order.

Web of Science International index to scientific literature

Primary Source Resources

[ArtStor](#) searchable images covering many time periods and cultures, and documenting architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, decorative arts, design, anthropology, ethnographic studies

[Periodicals Index Online](#) Citations for articles in 6000+ periodicals spanning a wide range of dates, subjects, and places, in over 40 languages. Dates of coverage: 1665-1995.

[Summon](#) A single platform that searches much of the research content provided by Oberlin College Library and openly available on the web. Offers filters and refinements by source type, date, language, and more. (use for both primary and secondary source research)

[eHRAF World Cultures](#) Full-text ethnographies subject-indexed at the paragraph level for precise retrieval of information on all aspects of cultural and social life.

Africa south of the Sahara; index to periodical literature, 1900-1970 ([OBIS Record](#))

Main Reference Z3503.U47

[A to Z Maps Online](#) maps of all types, topographical, historical, climate, population, political, etc.

[World Digital Library](#) partnership of UNESCO and Library of Congress, search engine and digital scans of historical and cultural resources from all over the globe.

Research tools everyone should know about

[Journal Finder](#) Check Oberlin's holdings for a specific journal, magazine or newspaper.

[ILLiad](#) Inter-library loan; order full text of articles, books not available in OhioLINK, and any other material not available at Oberlin

[Summon](#) A single platform that searches much of the research content provided by Oberlin College Library and openly available on the web. Offers filters and refinements by source type, date, language, and more. (use for both primary and secondary source research)

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IM or Chat Chat box on library home page

Email reference@oberlin.edu

Additional Web Sites with Primary Sources

[compiled by librarians at Bowling Green State University](#)

- [16th - Early 20th Century Maps of Africa](#)
- [1913 Land Act 1912-1993 \[South Africa\]](#)
- [Africa Focus: Sights and Sounds of a Continent](#)
- [African Activist Archive Project](#)
- [African National Congress \(Click on Documents in the toolbar to locate historical documents\)](#)
- [African Online Digital Library](#)
- [Apartheid in South Africa: Living Under Racial Segregation and Discrimination](#)
- [Apartheid Signs 1947-1993](#)
- [Art of African Exploration](#)
- [Boycott Apartheid May 1959 \[South Africa\]](#)
- [Cape Coast Archive: Exploring & Preserving Cape Coast, Ghana](#)
- [Colonial Film Database](#)
- [Community Video Education Trust \(Republic of South Africa -- 1980's-1990's\)](#)
- [Detention Without Trial in John Vorster Square 1968-1997 \[South Africa\]](#)
- [Digital Innovation South Africa](#)
- [Djibril Tamsir Niane Audiorecordings \(Guinea\)](#)
- [Early Images of Egypt](#)
- [First Post-Apartheid Elections Apr 26, 1994](#)
- [G.I. Jones Photographic Archives of Southeastern Nigerian Art and Culture](#)
- [Heart of Hope: South Africa's Transition from Apartheid to Democracy](#)
- [Historical Text Archive: Africa](#)
- [Humphrey Winterton Collection of East African Photographs: 1860-1960](#)
- [Intelligence and the Camp David Accords](#)
- [Internet African History Sourcebook](#)
- [Liberian Law](#)
- [Liberian Letters](#)
- [Livingstone's 1871 Field Diary](#)
- [Maps of Liberia: 1830-1870](#)
- [Nile Notes of a Hawadji: American Travelers in Egypt](#)
- [Perspectives: The South African War: Original and Contemporary Sources](#)
- [Posters from the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies](#)
- [Sharpeville Massacre Mar. 20, 1960 \[South Africa\]](#)
- [Sierra Leone](#)
- [South Africa: Overcoming Apartheid, Building Democracy](#)
- [South African Film and Video Project](#)
- [Soweto Riots June 15, 1976](#)
- [Traces of Truth: Documents Relating to the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission](#)
- [Travelers in the Middle East Archive \(Egypt\)](#)
- [Treason Trial 1955-1960 \[South Africa\]](#)
- [West African Online Digital Library](#)
- [Womens Anti-Pass March Aug 8, 1956 \[South Africa\]](#)