Exploring Africa Part 1: Historical Overview NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Inquire into the origins of human life in Africa. Discover the emergence of civilization along the Nile. Find out about ancient Kingdoms, fascinating tribal cultures, varied religious beliefs, art, music and more. Investigate these websites to find answers.

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

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

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

<http://www.africanculturalcenter.org/index.html>

1. Examine the Prehistoric Period in Africa 5 million – 4,000 years ago

Are we all Africans? Explore the birthplace of early humans. Note some milestones of prehistoric culture.

1. “Western” Civilization Evolves in Egypt 3,000 B.C.E. – 300 B.C.E.

What part does Egypt play in the history of human civilization? What were some of the things the ancient Egyptians believed? What was their government like? What do you find most intriguing about ancient Egypt?

1. African Kingdoms (Other than Egypt)

What Kingdoms arose in Africa after Egypt? What country or region did the Kingdoms you learned about control? When was the Kingdom Powerful? What was its culture like?

1. Tribal Life

What are the names of some of the tribes you discovered? Where did/does the tribe live? How did/does the tribe survive? What special characteristics and customs distinguish the tribes?

\*\*If you finish early, go to this site and play the map game!

 <http://www.kidsgeo.com/geography-games/africa-map-game.php>