

February is Afro-American History Month

Harriet Tubman, the great black woman who helped over 300 slaves escape to freedom. Her picture is on a stamp.

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The Continent of Africa

Africa is a very large continent. It stretches over 5,000 miles from

north to south and 4,600 miles from east to west.

As you can see in the map, the United States, Western Europe, India, New Zealand and Japan can all fit within this big continent.

In Africa there are mountains, lakes, rivers, deserts, forests and grassy plains.

There are more than 45 countries on the continent.

Some of these countries are Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Egypt and Zaire.

Living in all these countries are many different groups of peoples.

They each have their own traditions, beliefs and ways of life.

Information prepared with the assistance of the Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.

African Symbols



Mother love and protection



Unity among different groups



Dislike for bad habits



Strength

The people of Ghana, like many Africans, use symbols in their art.

Symbol artwork courtesy Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C.

African Proverbs

A proverb is a belief or truth that becomes a saying or byword.

Proverbs have been passed from person to person through the ages.

Below are some proverbs and the countries where they are popular.

Ghana:

"Hunger is felt by a slave and hunger is felt by a king."

"What is bad luck for one man is good luck for another."

"No one tests the depth of a river with both feet."

Cameroon:

"Knowledge is better than riches."

Congo:

"Children are the reward of life."

Ethiopia:

"The fool speaks; the wise man listens."

Guinea:

"A good deed is something one returns."

"He who has done evil, expects evil."

Ivory Coast:

"It takes two to make a quarrel."

Nigeria:

"Little is better than nothing."

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The Paper Box

Look through the rest of your paper for news about black people in your city.

Next week: Read all about the solar eclipse coming up on Feb. 26.

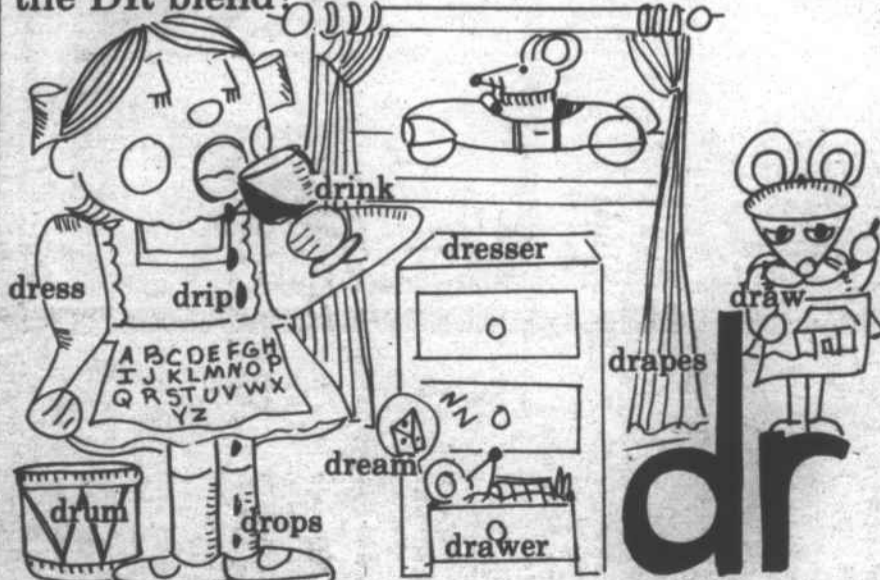
AFRICA TRY'N FIND

The names of African countries, rivers and African products are hidden in the block below. See if you can find: Tanzania, Senegal, Dahomey, Ethiopia, Ghana, Gambia, Nigeria, Chad, Gabon, Liberia, Togo, Niger, Mali, Kenya, Egypt, Angola, Zaire, Congo, Nile, coffee, cotton, cocoa, diamonds and fruit.

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Can you read these words that begin with the DR blend?



We did not label one of these words. Can you find it?