

Continent Study — Africa

Base Sheet

Activity Sheet

Introduction to the continent of Africa using the Montessori puzzle map. The child learns to identify Africa on the globe, explores its shape by removing and replacing puzzle pieces, and discovers some of Africa's animals and landscapes.

What You Need:

- Puzzle Map of Africa
- Globe or World Puzzle Map
- Animal miniatures (elephant, lion, giraffe, zebra, or similar)
- Work mat
- Control map of Africa (labeled, for reference)

Steps:

1. Begin at the globe. Point to Africa: 'This is Africa. It is the second-largest continent. What color is it on our globe?'
2. Move to the Puzzle Map of Africa. This map shows us the COUNTRIES inside Africa.'
3. Remove all puzzle pieces and place them on the mat.
4. Replace each piece one at a time, naming the country as you place it.
5. Highlight 3-4 well-known countries: Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Madagascar (island!)
6. Show animal miniatures: 'These animals live in Africa — elephant, lion, giraffe, zebra.'
7. Discuss: 'Africa has deserts, rainforests, savannas, and the longest river — the Nile!'

Work Space:



