

Ancient African Civilizations

LD 2: African Civilizations Internet Sites

Introduction: Since 1995 the number of Internet sites devoted to ancient Africa has grown exponentially. In order to get a sense of what is currently available online in the way of African and Egyptian sites, we will use the Internet in this exercise to investigate the prospects of the Internet for doing “research” on the topic of Precolonial African groups. Because your instructor is well aware of the possibilities of losing our Internet connections to system malfunctions or power outages, we will perform this exercise both in and beyond class.

Instructions: Use any some of the key words to begin your search of the Internet. If you have never used the Internet, please ask your fellow student or the instructor for assistance in using either Netscape Navigator or Internet Explorer to search the World Wide Web. Please note the number of “hits,” or listed sites (and their relevance), that you obtain as a result of using each of the following key words:

Key Word	Matches	Rating (1-10)	Relevance (Y/N)	URL
Africa	_____	_____	_____	_____
African civilizations	_____	_____	_____	_____
African empires	_____	_____	_____	_____
African peoples	_____	_____	_____	_____
African archaeology	_____	_____	_____	_____
African history	_____	_____	_____	_____
Precolonial Africa	_____	_____	_____	_____
African warfare	_____	_____	_____	_____
African religions	_____	_____	_____	_____
African origins	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kush or Kushites	_____	_____	_____	_____
African languages	_____	_____	_____	_____
Axum or Axumites	_____	_____	_____	_____
Zimbabwe or Mapungubwe	_____	_____	_____	_____
Benin or West Africa	_____	_____	_____	_____
Egypt or Egyptian	_____	_____	_____	_____
Nubia or the Sudan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Western Sudan	_____	_____	_____	_____
Swahili or East Africa	_____	_____	_____	_____
Meroe or Meroitic	_____	_____	_____	_____
Napata	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ghana	_____	_____	_____	_____
Mali or Malian empire	_____	_____	_____	_____
Zulu or Zulu state	_____	_____	_____	_____