Get Up and Get Moving Ohio: Short Histories of Africa

Africa is a vast and diverse continent with a long and rich history. It is the birthplace of some of the world's oldest civilizations, and its people have made significant contributions to the arts, sciences, and technology.

This article provides a brief overview of the history of Africa, from its earliest beginnings to the present day. It is intended to be a resource for students, teachers, and anyone else who is interested in learning more about this fascinating continent.



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Ancient Africa

The earliest evidence of human habitation in Africa dates back to around 2.6 million years ago. These early humans were nomadic hunter-gatherers who lived in small bands. Over time, they began to develop more

sophisticated tools and techniques, and they eventually spread to all parts of the continent.

Around 5,000 years ago, the first civilizations began to emerge in Africa. These civilizations were located in the Nile Valley of Egypt, the Niger River Valley of West Africa, and the Great Lakes region of East Africa. These civilizations were based on agriculture, and they developed complex systems of government, religion, and art.

Medieval Africa

During the Middle Ages, Africa was a major center of trade and learning. The trans-Saharan trade routes connected North Africa with sub-Saharan Africa, and African goods were exported to Europe and Asia. African scholars made significant contributions to the fields of mathematics, astronomy, and medicine.

In the 15th century, European powers began to explore and colonize Africa. The Portuguese were the first Europeans to arrive in Africa, and they were soon followed by the Spanish, French, British, and Dutch. These European powers established colonies in Africa, and they exploited the continent's resources and its people.

Modern Africa

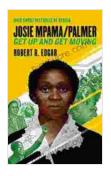
In the 20th century, Africa experienced a wave of independence movements. These movements were led by African nationalists who wanted to end European colonialism and establish independent African states. By the end of the 20th century, most African countries had achieved independence. However, many of these countries faced challenges such as poverty, disease, and conflict.

In the 21st century, Africa is a continent of hope and opportunity. The continent is experiencing economic growth, and its people are working to build a better future for themselves and their children.

Africa is a continent with a long and rich history. It is a continent of diversity, and its people have made significant contributions to the world. This article has provided a brief overview of the history of Africa, and it is hoped that it will inspire readers to learn more about this fascinating continent.

Additional Resources

- History of Africa
- National Geographic: Africa
- BBC News: Africa



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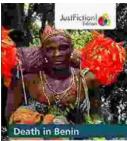


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