

Workshop	Description of Workshop
African Symbols	<p>Students will spend time researching meanings behind different African symbols. Students will spend time re-creating the symbols which will then be lasercut. We will create a beautiful wall hanging to display in the atrium.</p> <p>We will also create a reference guide to accompany our art.</p>
African stories; folktales, creation tales	<p>A story, a story, a story: this three part workshop would begin by exploring picture books of popular African folktales and performances of the same stories. Next, students would work together to craft their own stories incorporating elements of African belief and culture before performing their tales in front of their peers.</p>
Jewelry	<p>Do you love color? Does symbolism interest you? Have you ever dreamed of designing and producing your very own jewelry? If so, please join us to make your colorful, symbolic dreams come true! After exploring the various jewelry trends of Africa, focusing on the role that jewelry plays in culture as well as the symbolism of the various colors and styles of jewelry worn by the men and women of different tribes, we will be creating our own african tribal jewelry!</p>
Food	Cooking African cuisine
Wildlife Conservation	<p>Much of East Africa's incredible wildlife is threatened. In this workshop, we will learn the cause of the problems and how middle school students can make a difference. We will take action to help save these endangered species and plan ways the whole school can join in our efforts.</p>
Sports / Adventure Sports	<p>Cage diving with the great white sharks of South Africa. Tracking the endangered mountain gorillas of Rwanda's Volcanoes National Park. Surfing the iconic waves of N'Gor Right, Senegal. Climbing to 19,300 ft to the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro. Explore the vast geography of Africa via adventure videos and photography with Mr. Lavallée. Students will create a virtual tour itinerary of the continent utilizing information compiled after investigating the diverse sports and activities found throughout Africa.</p>
Invictus: the true events that inspired the movie	<p>Morgan Freeman. Matt Damon. Two powerful actors joined together to tell the true story of President Nelson Mandela's support of the newly-diversified South African national team in the 1995 Rugby World Cup. What is the true story? How do the actual events compare to the movie? What were the cultural implications of the even in post-Apartheid South Africa? The poems "Invictus" and "The Man in the Arena" will be introduced as well as the movie "Invictus" and documentary video of events from 1995 South Africa.</p>
Africa's great civilizations	<p>Empire! Learn about the founding of the world's great civilizations and their impact upon the entire world! The students will look at African history from the dawn of mankind to the 19th century. The great powers of the Africa have had a say in our shared history!</p> <p>Students will be given different periods to look at, research and share out with the larger group. They will complete tasks (including a giant timeline) and discuss the changes that developed throughout Africa's history.</p>
Music of African Regions	<p>Explore five regions of Africa and discover the sounds of those regions. Try to find musical influences and modern music, in addition to music that plays a major role in traditions and cultures. Groups will present their findings as a summary to the workshop.</p>
Swahili - the language of Kenya	Learn about Swahili - the language of Kenya

