

South Africa is the southernmost country in Africa

### KRUGER NATIONAL PARK

One of the best places in the world to see wild animals. Giraffes, elephants, lions and rhinos are just some of the amazing wildlife you can see in this park.

# THE UNION BUILDINGS

These buildings house the office of the President and the government of South Africa. Built in 1913, the semicircle shape with two buildings represents the union of a country that was once divided.

# ZULU BASKETS

Like most African arts, the shapes and patterns in these baskets often represent things such as people, animals, and nature.

# **FUN FACTS**

- South Africa is home to some of our earliest human ancestors. Archaeologists unearthed painting tools that date back 100,000 years in Blombos Cave, about 186 miles east of Cape Town.
- All children attending school must wear a full school uniform. The uniform includes a blazer and black leather shoes.
- Johannesburg is 5,751 ft above sea-level and called Highveld. It is in the province of Gauteng.



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### READ ALOUD

Rhino in the House by Daniel Kirk - a story read by a member of Global Conservation Force Marty Kimble

South African animal coloring pages courtesy of GCF!

# TRADITION: THE ART OF 'BRAAI'

A favorite family activity is to braai. It is similar to a barbecue except real wood is used to make the fire. Families of all backgrounds and cultures enjoy this activity and way of fellowship. South Africans braai mostly lamb chops and boerewors (sausage made with special spices like coriander).

Most South Africans braai at least once a week and don't need a reason to light up the fire. They braai on Sundays because it's relaxing, and some braai on Christmas because the weather allows it. The opportunities for a braai are endless.



#### NDEBELE PAINTING

The Ndebele people are known for painting bright-colored patterns on the walls of their homes. These images sometimes represent events in the family, such as the birth of a new baby or a marriage.



#### **XHOSA BEADWORK**

The Xhosa traditionally create jewelry with bright-colored beads. Necklaces might be crafted in openwork designs that resemble lace, or a thick band made of many single strands of beads. Xhosa beadwork typically drapes like fabric.



# FOOTBALL + CRICKET

Children in Johannesburg love to play soccer and cricket. In fact, in all schools you have to try out to see if you can make the team.