

# Nigeria Research Paper for *Things Fall Apart*

## Terms to use in researching Nigeria's culture

Food = cuisine = diet
Literature = media
Religion = rituals = festivals = customs = holidays = ceremonies
Society = people = lifestyle
Politics = government
Leisure = theater or music or dance

## Research Sources # 1: Books at LHS on Nigeria

Titles	Call Number
Teens in Nigeria	305.23509 Dell
Colonialism in Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart"	823.914 Achebe
Worldmark Encyclopedia of The Nations Volume 2—Africa	903 Worldmark
Worldmark Encyclopedia: Cultures and Daily Life Volume 1--Africa	910.3 Worldmark
Africa (multiple titles)	916.043 Africa
Africa (multiple titles)	960
African nations and leaders	960.03 AFRICAN
Culture and customs of Nigeria	966.9 FALOLA
The history of Nigeria	966.9 FALOLA
Nigeria in pictures	966.9 HAMILTON
Nigeria	966.9 Phillips
<b>Reference Materials</b>	<b>Call Number</b>

Worldmark Encyclopedia the Nations Volume 2--Africa	REF 903 Worldmark
Worldmark Encyclopedia of Cultures and Daily Life Volume 1--Africa	REF 305.8 Worldmark
Africana: The Encyclopedia of African and African-American Experience	REF 909.0496 AFRICANA
Lands and Peoples –Africa (vol. 1)	REF 910 Lan
World and Its People (11 vol)	REF 910 World
World Today Series-Africa (vol. 1)	REF 910.3 Dickovich
World Geography Volume 4--Africa	REF 910.3 World
Key Events in African History: A Reference Guide	REF 960 Falola
Africa –Volume 3	REF 960 Africa
Encyclopedia of African Peoples	REF 960 Giles
Encyclopedia of the Peoples of Africa and the Middle East—Volume 2	REF960 Stokes

\*Citation information can be found via the On-Line Catalog. <http://lhwildcats.org/library>. Add the book title to “add to this list”, then click “in this list” (right-hand side); finally, click “Go” at the bottom of the page next to the Citation tab.

Be sure to follow the MLA style your teacher wants you to use.

## Research Sources #2: Gale Virtual Reference Library e-books

Login ID: wildcats

Areas to Use: Located in the **Gale Resource Center**. Simply conduct a “basic search”—be sure that tab is highlighted—for Nigeria. **This will be very helpful site.** Use the Worldmark (which has websites at the end of the articles), Geo-Data Encyclopedias and Cities of the World.

Citation: Information is at the end of the article.

## Research Sources #3: Databases

Use the journal articles and materials from the electronic databases (even if .com) because they are sponsored by LHS Library and are

### ABC-CLIO:

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Areas to Use:

Leave the “All” tab checked and do a search for Nigeria. Apply the filters on the left-hand side after the initial search.

Citation:

MLA citation is at the bottom of the article.

### CultureGrams:

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Password:  
wildcats

Areas to Use: Click on the “World Edition” and either select Nigeria from the list or click on the map to select it that way.

Citation: Click on “generate citation” for the information

The screenshot shows the CultureGrams website interface for Nigeria. The page layout includes a navigation bar at the top with links for Home, World Edition, Kids Edition, States Edition, and Provinces Edition. Below the navigation bar is a search bar and a list of links: View full report as PDF, View accessible report, E-mail report, Access kids version, and Generate citation. A red arrow points from the 'Generate citation' link to a list of citation options on the right side of the page. The main content area features a map of Nigeria, a 'Did You Know?' section with facts, and a 'Country and Development Data' section. The 'Did You Know?' section includes the following facts:

- More than 250 languages are spoken in Nigeria.
- Greetings are highly valued. Neglecting to greet someone or rushing through a greeting is considered a sign of disrespect.
- The mainstays of the Nigerian diet are yams, cassava (a starchy root), and rice.
- Nigeria is one of the world's largest oil exporters.

The 'Country and Development Data' section includes the following information:

- Capital: Abuja
- Current Time: 8:00 PM
- Latitude: 9.12
- Longitude: 7.11

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## EBSCOHost:

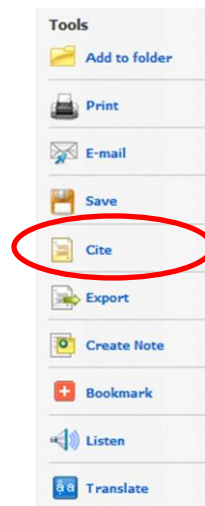
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Areas to Use: Magazine, Newspaper, Health, Images, Bios, etc.  
Click on “select all.” Do a basic search then click the  
“full text” box to refine your search.

If using the “Student Resource Center” you will need  
to create your own citation.

Citation: Use the “cite” icon that is on the right-hand side of the  
page under “Tools.”



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Areas to Use: Click on the “World Geography and Culture Online.”  
Select Nigeria than use the “Country Menu” for the  
cultural area.

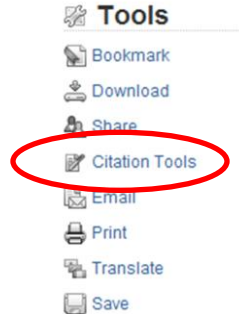
Citation: Information is at the end of the article.

## Gale Resource Center:

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libertyville

Areas to Use: Select the “History Resource Center-US” or the “Global Issues in Context”. Do a basic search for Nigeria. Use the “Everything” categories on the left-hand side to filter your research.

Citation: Click on the “citation tools” in the “Tool” bar on the right-hand side. Select the MLA 7<sup>th</sup> edition, and follow the instructions.



## Resource Sources #4: Using the Internet

### A) Search Engines

**Google** or **Google Scholar** <http://scholar.google.com/>

Use the Internet wisely. Set up a good internet search when you use Google. Websites ending in .edu, .gov, .org or .net are usually trustworthy. Remember to use the “+” and “-“ symbols to narrow down the search.

For example: Nigeria

Nigeria +”traditional dress” -.com

## B) On-Line Digitized Books

Google Books

<http://books.google.com/books>

Examples:

Nigeria

<http://books.google.com/books?id=Srzn2HKJOXCYC&printsec=frontcover&dq=nigeria&cd=8#v=onepage&q=&f=false>

Nigeria

<http://books.google.com/books?id=OoWUnVAPceMC&printsec=frontcover&dq=nigeria&cd=5#v=onepage&q=&f=false>

Even though some titles will be in limited view, such as these there is enough shown to be useful.

## C) World Newspapers—all may not be available in English

World Newspapers, Magazines, and News Sites in English

<http://www.world-newspapers.com/>

Internet Public Library--Newspapers

<http://www.ipl.org/div/news/>

Online Newspapers

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/>

WorldPress.org

<http://www.worldpress.org/gateway.htm>

## D) Websites on Nigeria

### General Websites

CIA World Fact Books <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/index.html>

Click on the plus “+” sign for more information

Or <https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/ni.html>

American Memory—Library of Congress

<http://memory.loc.gov/frd/cs/ngtoc.html>

Internet Public Library (type in name of country at the top for links)

<http://www.ipl.org/div/pf/entry/48458>

Country Reports <http://www.countryreports.org/>

or <http://www.countryreports.org/Nigeria.aspx>

Cyber School Bus Countries' Information—

<http://cyberschoolbus.un.org/infonation3/menu/advanced.asp>

or use homepage and start from there <http://cyberschoolbus.un.org>

World Governments (last up-dated 2002) <http://www.gksoft.com/govt/>

US Department of State--Travel

[http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/cis/cis\\_987.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_987.html)

International Affairs Resource

<http://www2.etown.edu/vl/>