

Foreword

In South Africa, like so many other countries in the world, imbalances are evident in so many aspects of life. With these books I hope to make a contribution towards finding balance within Music Education. These books are written for schools who do not have a specialist music educator and for learners who, in their lifetime, will never be able to travel. By focusing on specific countries and folk music unique to these countries, learners' worldview are enriched and expanded. Through this process not only do learners get an opportunity to learn about and derive pleasure from music, but appreciation, respect and tolerance for other cultures are cultivated.

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Botswana

Background Facts • Singing Time • Understanding Music • Things to Do

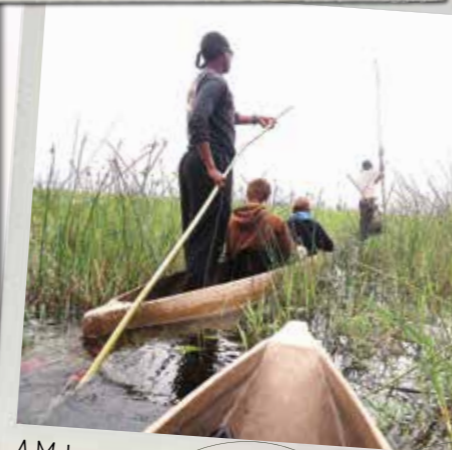
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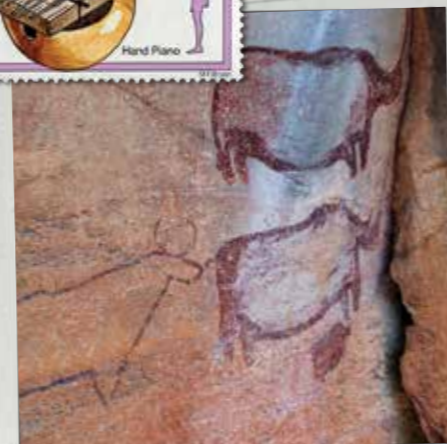
Map of Botswana



African Elephants



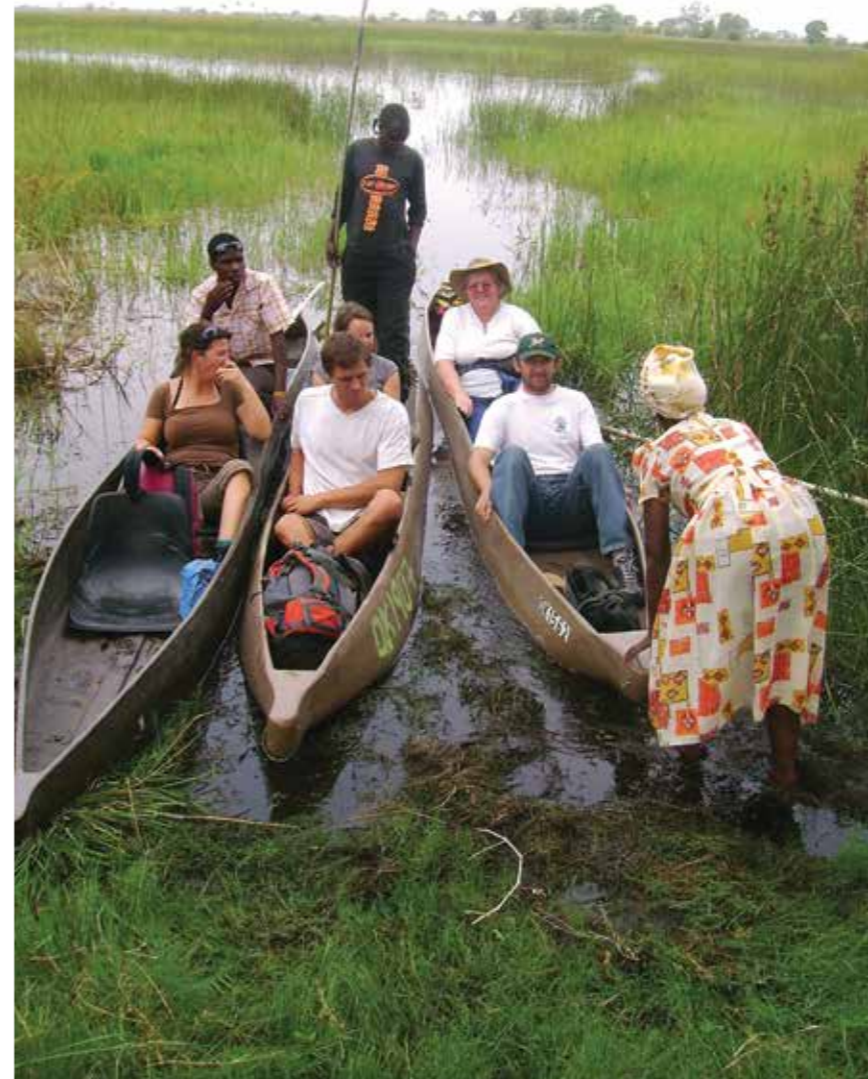
A Mokoro



Tsodilo Hills – A World Heritage Site because of all the Rock Art

i Overview:

Continent	Africa
Ethnic groups	Setswana, Kalanga, Bushmen, Other
Languages	Setswana, English, Other
Capital	Gaborone
Other Main Cities	Francistown, Maun, Ghanzi, Lobatse, Kasane
World Heritage Sites	Tsodilo Hills Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park, Makgadikgadi
Other Main Attractions	Cultural Landscape, Toutswe Mogala Hill Iron Age Settlement, Tsapong Hills
Currency	Pula (BWP)



Above: Tourists taken in a mokoro on the Okavango Delta / Top right: Bushmen preparing for tribal dance
Above right: Wildlife in Botswana

"Beautiful words don't put porridge in the pot" - Botswana Proverb

"Do not look where the harvest is plentiful, but where the people are kind" - Botswana Proverb

The Okavango Delta

Botswana is well known for its Okavango Delta. A delta is the area where a river flows into the sea, a lake or even another river. Long long ago the Okavango River used to flow into Lake Makgadikgadi. As the earth changed, the flow of the river was interrupted and it formed the Okavango Delta.

The Delta is home to a large number of birds and animals such as the crocodile, red lechwe, sitatunga, elephant, wild dog and buffalo.

The mokoro, a hollowed out tree trunk that is poled along by a guide, is the most popular way of exploring the many waterways of the Okavango Delta.

The Chobe National Park

A large number of elephants roam the Chobe National Park along with big herds of buffalo, many hippos and other animals. The Chobe National Park is a great place for bird watching as it hosts almost 440 species of birds during the peak migration season from November to March.

Botswana National Anthem

K.T. Motsete

1  2 



Fat-she le - no la ro - na, Ke m-pho ya Mo-di - mo, Ke bo-swa jwa bo - r -
 6 ra - e-tsho, A le nne ka ka - gi - so. Tso-gang, tso-gang! ban-na, tso-gang! E -
 11 mang, ba - sa - di, e - mang, tlha - ga - fa - lang! Re ko -
 13 pa - ne - leng go di - re - la le - fa - tshe la ro - na.



Translation:

This country of ours,
 It is a gift from God,
 It is inherited from our forefathers.
 May it always be at peace.

Awake, awake, o men, awake!
 Arise, o women, arise!
 Let us work together
 To serve our country!




The flag of Botswana
 Blue symbolises water and the life it sustains.
 The black colour with the white frame symbolises the harmony and co-operation between the people of different races in Botswana.



Botswana's Coat of Arms

Dipeolwane

trad Botswana

3  4 



f Di-peol-wa-ne tsa-ka-tse din-tle di_i-le kae? *p* Di-peol-wa-ne tsa-ka-tse
 7 *mf* din - tle di_i - le kae? Di fo - fa mo me - tsing, di fo - fa mo me -
 12 *f* tsing, fa - tshe le kga - ka - la kwa ban - ya - na ba_i - leng teng.



Swallows are birds that eat insects and hunt while flying. These birds normally have short bills, long pointed wings and a deeply forked tail.

They are seen all over the world, but Africa has the largest variety of them. They build mud nests in special places.

Translation:


Where are the pretty swallows
 (dipeolwane)?
 They are flying over the water
 (metsing),
 far away (fatshe), in the direction
 where the girls (banyana) went.





















5 Listen to the swallows chirping away!


"Silence has a mighty noise" - Botswana Proverb

Dynamics (continued)


13  Indicate if the sounds you hear are **forte** or **piano**. If the sound is loud, draw a circle around the elephant. If the sound is soft, draw a circle around the mouse.

1 		4 		7 	
2 		5 		8 	
3 		6 		9 	


Activity: Sing *Kuru oa Lela* while paying attention to the dynamics.

14  **Music instruments from Africa**


Look at the pictures of these instruments, while listening to the sound each one creates.



1. Drum
Musician playing on a drum.



2. Kudu horn
Blow it with your lips pressed tightly against it.



3. Musical bow
Pluck it with your fingers or beat it with a stick.

Things to do

Choreograph a dance

Divide the class into two or more groups. Choose one of the songs in this lesson and create your own dance routine. Perform your routine to the rest of the class.

i It is very common in Botswana to clap your hands in various and interesting ways while you sing or dance to a song. You can make this part of your dance routine.

True or False

Are the following sentences true or false? If you choose false, please explain.

1. The capital of Botswana is Francistown
2. *Kuru oa Lela* is a hunting song
3. *Pianissimo* means very soft.....

Questions and answers

1. What is the music word for *loud*?
2. How many lines does a music stave have?
3. What is a lullaby?.....
4. What kind of animals will you find in Botswana?
5. What is the music word for very soft?
6. What is a mokoro?
7. How many spaces does a music stave have?

Explore the Internet

- Get to know more about Botswana at www.botswanaturism.co.bw
- Look at and listen to performances of music from Botswana at www.youtube.com
- Have a closer view of any place of interest in Botswana with **Google Images** or **Google Maps**