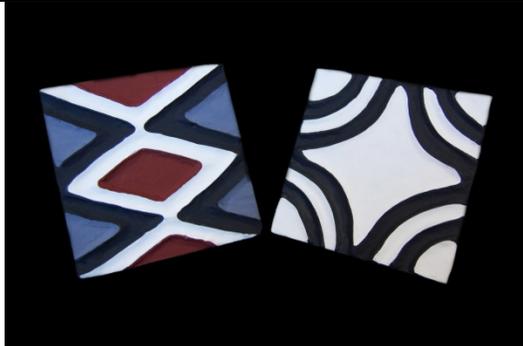




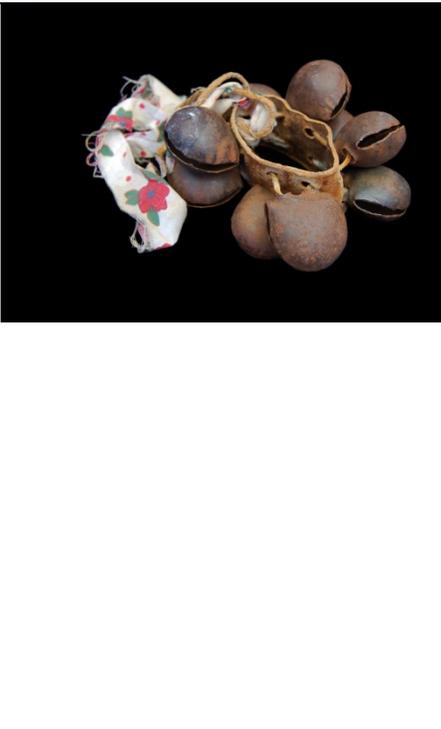
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## Rwanda Discovery Box

Item	Photo	Description
<p>Clothing and textiles from Rwanda</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> this material is referred to as <i>ikitege</i></p>		<p>The material is common in East Africa. <i>ikitege</i> were historically made by local artists who pattern and soak the fabric in dyes. More recently, the textiles are mass produced in factories outside Africa. The material can be used to make clothing or it can be used as a sash, an apron, bed sheets, among many other uses.</p> <p>See some of the uses of <i>ikitege</i> in contemporary designs in this video from the <a href="#">Rwanda Cultural Fashion Week</a></p>
<p>Cow Dung Art</p>		<p>These two pieces of art are made out of cow dung. The artists use cow dung to fashion the pieces and once the dung dries, they are painted and framed. Cow dung art is common in pastoral communities Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, where artisans use locally available materials for their work.</p>

		<p><a href="#">Visit this link to learn more about cow dung art in Rwanda.</a></p>
<p>Football</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> <i>omupira</i></p>		<p>Footballs (soccer balls) like this one are common in many parts of Africa. They are usually made by children / youth for play. The ball was made by continuously rolling and tying the dried bark of a plantain plant. The football in this box was made by a group of UW students who a summer in Kigali, Rwanda</p>
<p>Head beads</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> <i>intambi</i></p>		<p>In Rwanda, many weddings have three parts: a traditional wedding, a church ceremony, and a civil ceremony. These are special head ornaments worn by Rwandan brides on during their traditional wedding. The pointed beads are positioned behind the bride's ears and mimic cow horns. Cows are beloved and treasured possessions among the Banyarwanda (people of Rwanda).</p>
<p>Broom</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> <i>ikeyerezo</i></p>		<p>This bristle broom comes in handy if you want to tidy unpaved surfaces, for instance the area outside of a compound, or any other dirt / mud floors. The floors of some houses in Rwanda are not cemented. To keep them clean and dust free, people smear cow dung on the floor and once it dries, a broom like this one is</p>

		<p>used to keep the home tidy. <i>(Note to educator: you might want to use this opportunity to talk about different types of housing – not everyone has a mud floor. For example you might <u>compare these street scenes from Kigali</u> to the rural housing in the video on cow dung art and discuss differences in houses/regions/landscapes the US)</i></p>
<p>Milk bottle</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> <i>icyasi</i></p>		<p>This milk bottle is one of many types of containers Rwandans use to carry and preserve milk. In Kigali and other urban parts of Rwanda, it is more common for people to store their perishables in refrigerators. In rural areas, however, containers like this one are handy for preserving and transporting milk.</p>
<p>Drum</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> <i>ingoma</i></p>		<p>A small decorative drum. Learn more about the <a href="#">history of traditional music in Rwanda here</a>.</p>

<p>Baskets</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> <i>indiro</i></p>		<p>These small baskets are mainly decorative. Larger baskets are often used to store foods.</p>
<p>Rings</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> <i>ingata</i></p>		<p>When you have to carry heavy things on your head, having some kind of cushion can make the task more manageable. These rings are replicas of what people in Rwanda use when they have to carry heavy objects on their head. In Rwanda <i>ngata</i> are usually fashioned out of banana leaves or the dried bark of a banana tree.</p>
<p>Ankle rattles</p> <p><b>Kinyarwanda:</b> <i>amayungi</i></p>		<p>A rattle like this one is commonly worn by male or female dancers to accompany the rhythm of their feet. You have to be a pretty good dancer to wear it, otherwise can you imagine how embarrassing it would be if you were performing and were completely off rhythm?</p> <p>Here's an example of ankle rattles in use during a <a href="#">dance show</a>. Much like the US, Rwanda also has many different <a href="#">popular music genres</a>.</p>