AFRITERRA
The Cartographic Free Library

The **Afriterra Library** embraces a non-profit *mission* to gather and preserve the cartographic record of Africa, enabling a broader interpretation of the land, the culture, and the history.

The needs of education are rooted in the principles of *Visualization* and *Focus.* Our commitment stands on the principles of content and access, achieved by cataloging, digitizing, and displaying more than 5,000 of the rarest maps focused on Africa. The content spans over 500 years, covering all regions and scales in 8 different languages. This platform delivers a thorough archive from multiple primary sources previously scattered and sequestered throughout the world. Here and now we enable a multi-disciplinary examination in a wide public exposure.

Having secured this material, the methods of use include: 1) A friendly searchable database, 2) Visual enhancements easily oriented by panning-and-zooming high-resolution images, 3) Expanded lesson companion using queries for any topic or place-name in a georeferenced interface, and 4) Creative exhibits and mashups historically layered in time and space. All this is shared in a network of institutions as well as individuals contributing experiences worldwide.

Most of these fragile maps have never been viewed in our lifetime. From this position, the Afriterra Library gives substance to space…delivering an extraordinary connection to the origins of conflict and the pathways to resolution. At this vital time for educational transformation, we welcome all sponsors, grants, and volunteers with interests in common to join us here as stewards extending this important horizon.

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