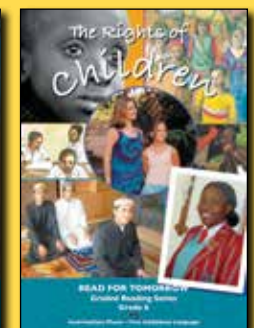
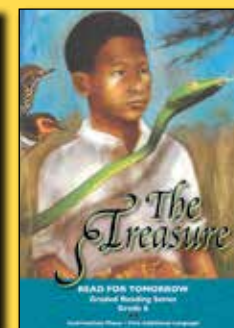
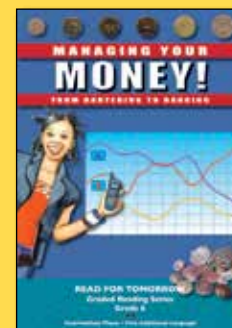
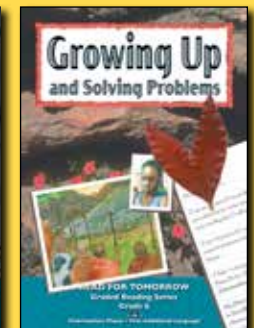
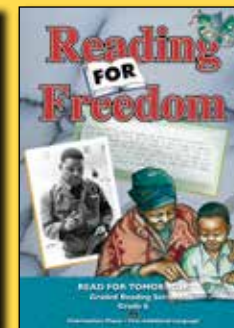
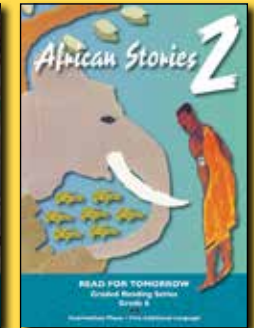
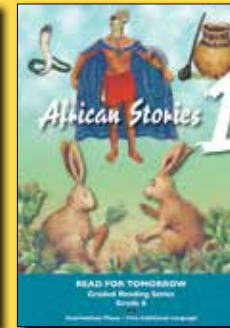
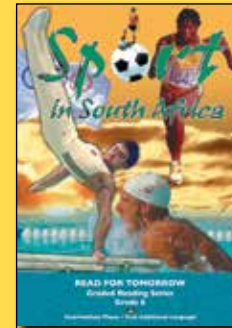
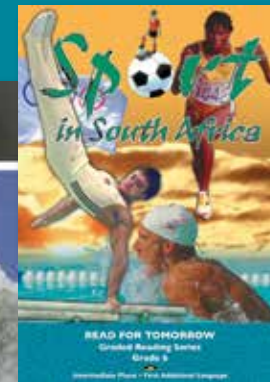


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Soccer

Immediately a huge cheer went up from the South Africans present. There was the sound of vuvuzelas. Some South Africans began to sing *Shosholoz*. The bid team hugged one another. Former president Nelson Mandela wiped a tear from his eye.

Far away in South Africa, in front of television sets, in the streets, in cars and taxis and in shopping centres, people began to cheer. Strangers hugged one another, taxi hooters sounded and people began to sing and shout. During those moments, all South Africans celebrated together.



Irwin Khoza was invited to speak. He said, *'This is for Africa. For 44 million South Africans, this is for you. We have the jewel in the crown of sporting events.'*

A tearful Nelson Mandela said, *'I feel like a young man of 15.'* He then went on to offer advice to South Africans back home by saying, *'South Africans should treat the decision with humility and not with arrogance because we are after all equal.'*

Danny Jordaan said, *'The dream of a nation has come true. Some South Africans may not have food or a job but they now have hope. FIFA has said Africa is worthy. It is wonderful to be an African today.'*

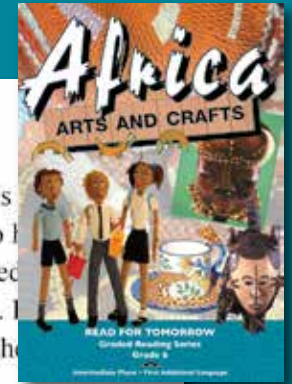
Later, he went on to say, *'If there is one thing on this planet that has the power to bind people together it is football. The World Cup will help unify our people. My country is ready to welcome the world. With our colourful dress, songs and dances, I can assure you 2010 will be something the world has never seen before at a World Cup.'*

We will never forget that exciting day in May 2004 and we all look forward to the World Cup in 2010!



Nelson Mandela smiles joyfully as he lifts the World Cup trophy in Zurich.

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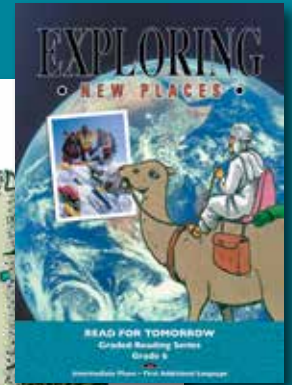


A Culture of Masks

Suddenly, he heard a rippling sound and the surface of the river seemed to move. Then, with a swooshing, roaring sound the black water seemed to split open. A huge dark shape burst through the water and came towards him. Jacob saw the hard scales and huge mouth of an enormous crocodile! He turned and ran wildly away from the river. At any moment he expected to feel sharp teeth and huge jaws on his legs and he didn't look back. He ran through the grass and bushes, not caring about his cut feet, hardly seeing where he was going.

When he reached the road, he raced back to his uncle's yard. Breathless, he crossed the yard and went straight to his bedroom where he threw himself onto his bed and covered his head with the blanket. His heart was beating like a drum. He thought his cousin would hear it. Jacob lay in the dark, thinking.

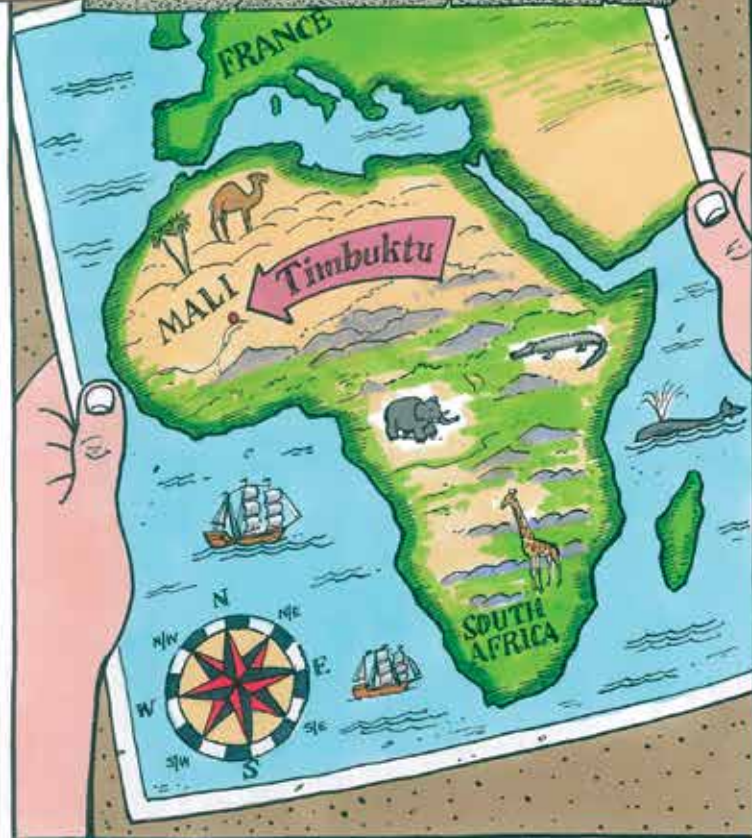




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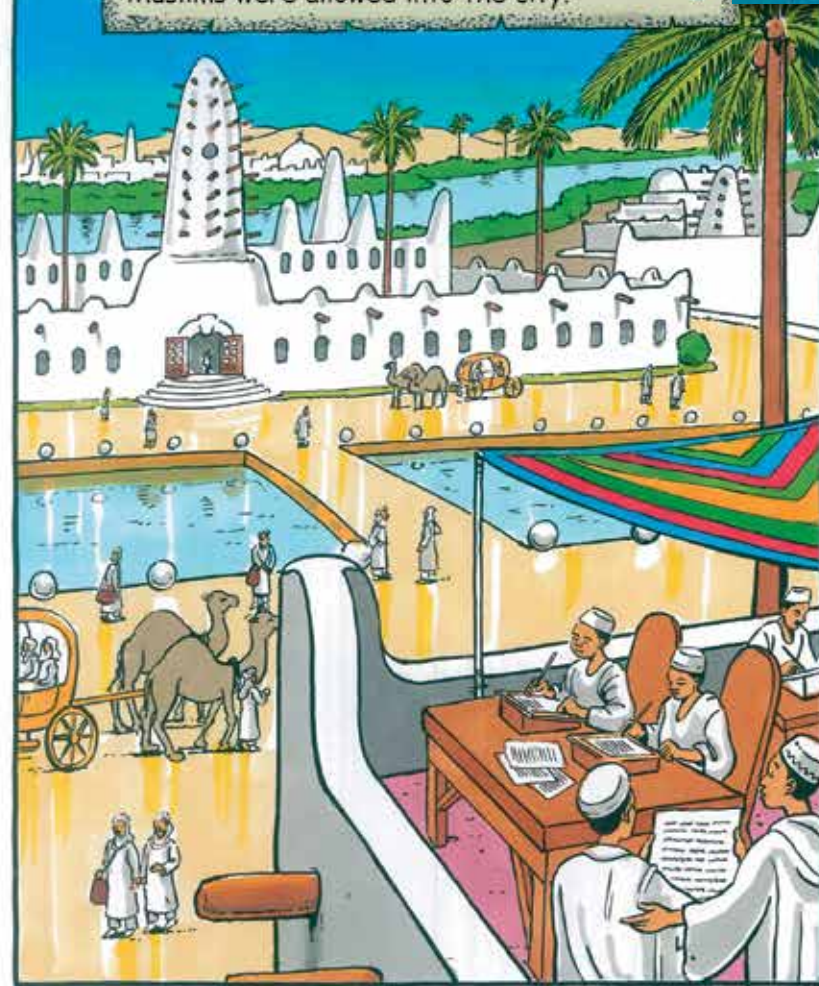
People often use the word Timbuktu to mean a very far off place that isn't real. But Timbuktu is a real city in Africa. It is in the country of Mali near the Sahara Desert and the Niger River. It is a city with an interesting history. Read this cartoon story about Timbuktu.

EXPLORING TIMBUKTU



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Long ago, gold and salt were important in Africa. Timbuktu was the centre of the gold and salt trade. People said the streets were made of gold. Timbuktu was also a great centre of Muslim learning. In fact, only Muslims were allowed into the city.



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