

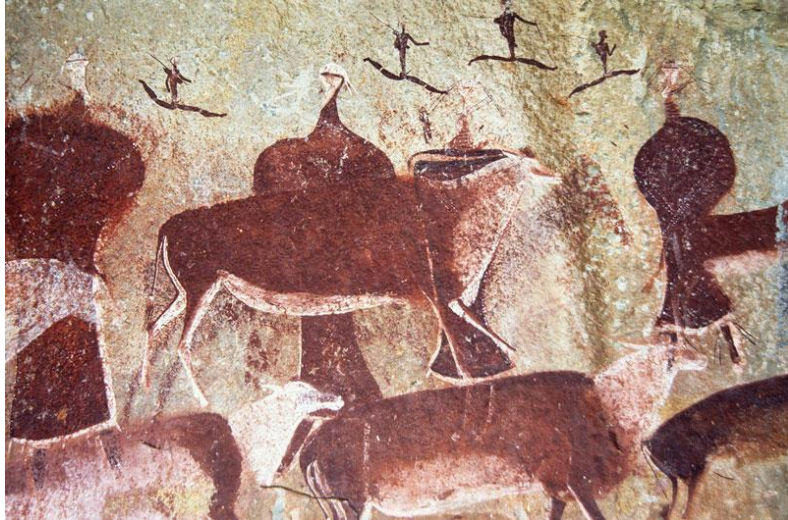


African Rock Art

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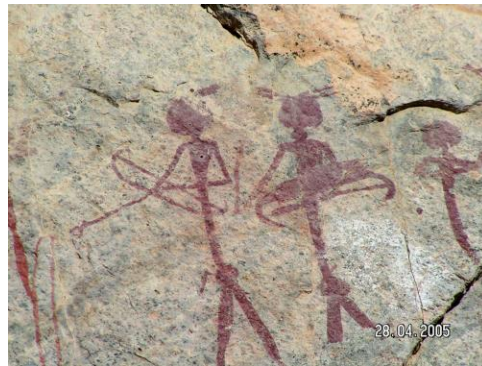
What is African Rock art?

- ❑ African Rock art is one of the earliest known forms of artistic expression created by humans in Africa. These artistic expressions were done by creating paintings in rocks or even engraving them as well. Some rock art is thought to date back just about 12,000 years but there is others that are more recent. (African World Heritages)
- ❑ African Rock art is very popular in Africa and the places with the best preservation are the Sahara and the deserts located in South Africa (African World Heritages)

<https://www.africanworldheritagesites.org/cultural-places/rock-art-pre-history.html#:~:text=Evidence%20of%20early%20human%20artistic,the%20deserts%20of%20southern%20Africa.>



1 out of 7 Apollo 11 stones found in Namibia c.25,500-25,300 created with Charcoal



Rock painting from Namibia, Africa taken 4/28/2005

Where did African Rock art originate and Why was it created?

- ❑ The oldest African rock art dates from around 26,000-28,000 years ago and can be found in Namibia (Khan Academy)
- ❑ Rock artists would usually paint people and animals (SAHistory)
- ❑ The exact reasoning behind why rock art isn't exactly known but it is believed that the paintings were created in order to give or bring good fortune to those who would hunt as a spiritual exercise (SA History)

<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/ap-art-history/global-prehistory-ap/paleolithic-mesolithic-neolithic-apah/a/apollo-11-stones>

<https://www.sahistory.org.za/article/rock-art-expression-hunter-gatherer-society-and-world-view#:~:text=Ancient%20rock%20artists%20painted%20people,painted%20things%20they%20foun->

What Materials were used to create Rock Art?

- The materials used to make paintings included ochres, charcoal, ground minerals, kaolinite clays, and diatomaceous earth (Human Relations Area Files)



Charcoal



Ochres

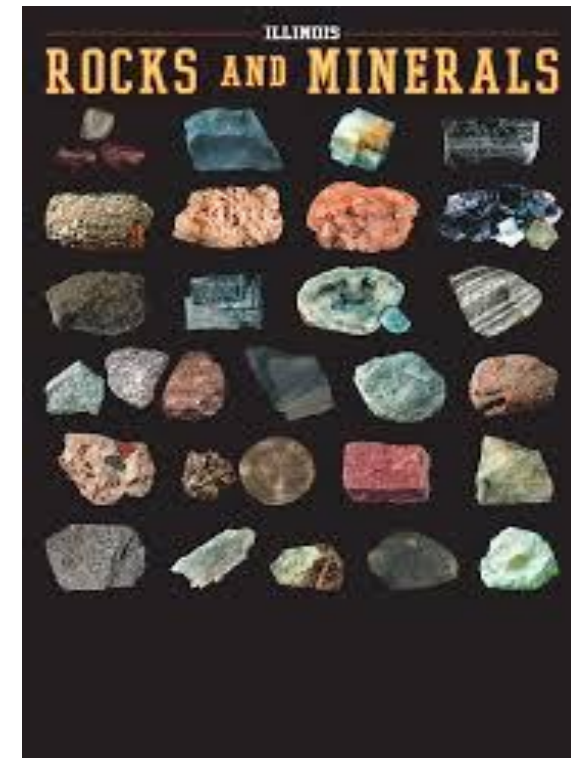


Diatomaceous Earth



Kaolinite Clays

<https://hraf.yale.edu/rock-art/#:~:text=Like%20the%20other%20forms%20of,clay%2C%20and%20even%20diatomaceous%20earth.>



Ground Minerals



Does African Rock Art still exist?

- ❑ The ancient art practice ended in the 20th century. Some San people do tend to continue ancient practices except for those that live in parts of Botswana and Namibia. (Scientific American)
- ❑ Archaeological sites, place-names, and rock arts are still present in order to help remind us about the areas that were once occupied by these people and their beautiful artistic skills. (Scientific American)