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INTERNET LINKS

General Information on Brazil

http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/kids/places/find/brazil
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brazil

Music and Dance in the Northeast

Typical music of the Northeast

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRV8huCvMIg

Drum groups (Baterias) of the Samba Schools in Rio. Note that these performances are staged before a huge audience in the Sambadrome in Rio, not in small towns.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XX5389I-wBI&feature=youtu.be

Reisado and Bumba Meu Boi – Reisado is a carnival performance associated with the feast of the Three Kings. Bumba-Meu-Boi celebrates an old Iberian story of a bull, lost and found, killed and resurrected. The performance takes various forms, but is found throughout the Northeast. This performance takes place in Recife.

http://youtu.be/ZbL0pYhmg0U

Frevo – Typical Dance of Carnival in the Northeast, especially connected with the carnival in Recife

http://youtu.be/F4Xkb-RMrL4

Afro- Blocos – Carnival Groups
Ilê Aiyê is one of the first Afro-Blocos or African Carnival groups of Salvador, Bahia. This video shows the groups educational mission of working with the young people of one of the poorest and most African areas of Salvador, both with music and education.

http://youtu.be/onWzWtbc8EA

Vaqueiros
The vaqueiros, or cowboys of the Northeast, live and work in the dry sertão, or backlands. These videos show a few scenes from their lives:

http://youtu.be/lbIgsqwLV1g
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3SCTTJndkw
African Retentions

Djembe drummer in South Africa; his work will demonstrate the sources of Brazilian drumming.
http://youtu.be/5UcpRb8JjCI

Sowande – a Detroit djembe drummer performing in Chapel Hill, NC
http://youtu.be/U96Xa6nZCA4

Body Percussion
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lXMHWAGBGGE&feature=youtu.be

Call and Response
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lNtHit_PcMI&feature=youtu.be
http://youtu.be/sq19BZRKmLI

Hambone
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6BCzIjY-taY&feature=youtu.be

Stepping
http://youtu.be/sYWPZA5ZOaK

Samba de Roda – an authentic expression of Brazilian dance dating from the time of slavery; it’s especially present in the area near Salvador called the Reconcavo, an area of old sugar plantations where many customs from colonial times continue to be celebrated.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z42pA3xaegk
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FEjij-felmg

Styles from Africa – this video has French titles and show a variety of beautiful, complex hair styles from Africa or based on African models
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xc24Alo76iE&feature=youtu.be

Designs from Africa – block prints showing the complexity and beauty of fabric designs based on wood block printing.
http://youtu.be/zYL3kO5gCeo

Folk tales from Africa – Anansi and the turtle
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ugi5KYfQO-0&feature=youtu.be

Folk tales from Brazil - The Rabbit and the Wolf
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qCWi6QNLVMo&feature=youtu.be
Capoeira
Capoeira – a martial art form with African roots but developed in Brazil during the time of slavery. Highly stylized with gymnastic movement and dance forms, it was forbidden and criminalized for decades, until it was reintroduced in Salvador by two Capoeira masters during in 1930s.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHnPkJXZcmQ
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0SnaAdqaY1U
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6H0D8VAlJi0&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lu6buDYcrU.Oo&feature=youtu.be
http://youtu.be/pGtvzzN86s Capoeira

Capoeira: T.A.B.C.A.T. is a local Detroit group practicing the art of Capoeira
http://detroitcapoeira.com

Faith
The Church of the Bonfim, dedicated to Jesus Christ, is a popular church associated with prayers and miracles. The video begins with ribbons tied to the fences in front of the Church, a sign of devotion to the Lord of the Bonfim, Jesus Crucified and to Oxala, the oldest of the orixás of Condomblé. (The ribbons say: Remembrance of the Church of the Bonfim) The first video also shows the chapel inside the church hung with ex-votos, the wax arms and legs and the photographs left at the shrine as a symbol of answered prayers.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FvKdmbaV_U&feature=youtu.be
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIGMQFsRZJE
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0NutQfTkEQ

The ceremony of the washing of the steps of the Church of the Bonfim (Lavagem do Bonfim) occurs every January. Though the narration is in Portuguese, one can see the large crowds that come to celebrate the washing of the steps of the church each year, and the white-clad women of Candomblé who perform this ritual of cleansing.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tjCKz0H6pD0
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f0NutQfTkEQ

Candomblé
Women in Candomblé in Bahia
Using Ruth Landis’ famous book on Candomblé called “The City of Women” this video introduces some of the important women in the Candomblé temples in Bahia.
Candomble Ceremony
This video shows the beginning of a Candomble ceremony, with white clad women and men dancing and chanting for the orixás.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTENhg-QtdU&feature=youtu.be

This second video begins with the presentation of the orixás: Ogum in blue and white; Oxossi with a hunter’s hat; Omolú dressed in a outfit of straw; Nana, Xango; Yansan in red and white; Oxum in gold and Yemanjá in blue; and two figures of Oxala in white with a silver staff.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0UO03O-T5s

Popular Festivals
Wonderful video of popular celebrations in Bahia, including Bumba-Meu-Boi, washing of the Church of the Bonfim, washing of the statue of Zumbi, a parade in the little town of Maragojipe, the feast of Yemanjá at the edge of the sea in Salvador, the feast of St. Barbara with everyone dressed in red and white, and finally carnival in Maragojipe.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyieEH8rlYw

Detroit Connections
First Congregational Church of Detroit: Actual Underground Railroad stop, now a living museum. This is the website of the Church

http://www.friendsoffirst.com/home/

Detroit Historical Museum Exhibit on Underground Railroad is one of the signature exhibitions of the Historical Museum

http://detroithistorical.org/detroit-historical-museum/exhibitions/exhibitions