

# Historical Princess Study Guide

Amina

Born to Rule

Name: Amina

Born: 1532 (approximately)

Mother: Bakwa Turunku

Sister: Zaria

Ruled as Queen of Zazzau/ Zaria for 34 years

Died: 1610

(Note: research was gathered from several sources and each source had a different version of Amina's life)



Amina and her family were Hausa which is the largest ethnic group and the second largest language used in Africa.

The Islamic religion was introduced to the Hausa in the 1500s.

## Non-Fiction Book/ Reference List

- African Princess by, Joyce Hanson
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amina>
- Queen Amina; Brave Heart by, John Adoga
- <https://steemit.com/culture/@donsantex/the-ancient-wall-of-zaria-nigeria>
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## Historical Fiction

- The Queens of Africa – Queen Amina of Zaria by, Judy Bee
- Amina Making of a Queen by, Sholape Kolawole

## Maps





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PORTUGAL SPANISH EMPIRE

Ceuta Rabat Marrakesh Sidjilmassa

MOROCCAN EMPIRE

Taghaza Idjil Wadan

TEKRUR WOLOF

SONGHAY EMPIRE 1591 destroyed

Walata Timbuktu Jenne

MALI WAGADUGU GURMA MAMPRU SI DAGOMBA

HAUSA STATES Sokoto Kano Daima

NUPE IJORIN

ASHANTI

IFE BENIN Old Calabar

BIGHT OF BENIN BIGHT OF BIAFRA

Sao Tome

ATLANTIC OCEAN

MEDITERRANEAN SEA

OTTOMAN EMPIRE

Cairo Aswan Aidhab Medina Mecca

Sahara Desert

Ghat Zawilah

Dongola FUNJ Suakin

Zaghawa Soba TIGRE

BIRAM KANEM Lake Chad BORNU WADAI DARFUR

ETHIOPIA AMHARA

GOJJAM SHOJA ADAL Berbera

HAIYA

Mocha Aden Zaila

GALLA MALI Obbia

Mogadishu

Equator

BRAMAS ANZICAMA

VANGUE CODA LAGO COTTA

BUGANDA

AMBIAZ

AZANIA

MELINDY

Malindi

Mombasa

MEMBACA Bagamoyo Zanzibar Is. Mafia Is.

MOEN HEMUGE

MINSADO

LUBA MATEMBA

CAFATES

Kilwa Kivinje Kilwa Kisiwani Is. Lindi

EMBEOE

MOZIMBA MOZAMBIQUE

Mozambique

MWANAMUTAPA COEA

BAROE Sofala

HEREROS

LUNDA

Lake Tanganyika

Lake Victoria

Lake Nyasa

Lake Zaire

Lake Malawi

Lake Chad

Lake Tanganyika

Lake Victoria

Lake Nyasa

Lake Malawi

Lake Chad

INDIAN OCEAN

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BUSHMEN ROZWI

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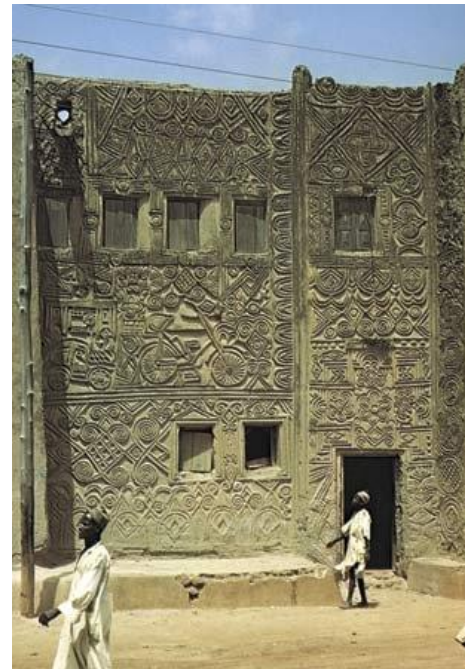
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## Discussion or Essay Questions

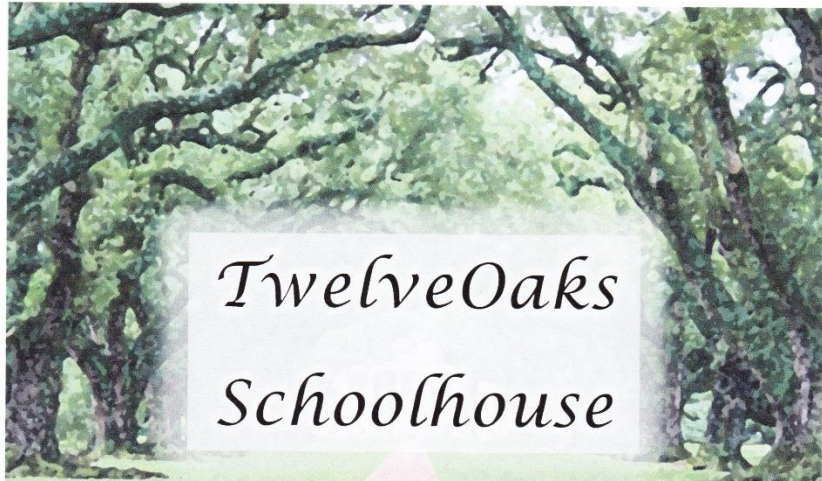
1. Hausa girls were expected to get married at age sixteen. How did Amina's life differ from tradition?
2. How did Amina prove throughout her life that she was a great leader?
3. What did Amina build in Zaria that still stands in part today?
4. How does Amina's spirit "live on" in Hausa land?

## Activities

1. Make a timeline of Amina's life. Expand it as far back and forward in history as you like.
2. Make a family tree of Amina's family.
3. Research the Hausa people and language, and their religion. Write a report.
4. Build a reproduction of the Ancient Wall of Zaria in clay or cardboard, or something else. Include a lot of detail.



Gates of the Ancient Wall of Zaria



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