



Oral Traditions in Southern African Communities: A Scholarly Perspective on Ethiopian Contexts

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Abstract

Southern African communities in Ethiopia have a rich tradition of oral traditions that serve as historical sources. A qualitative approach was employed to analyse existing literature and interviews with community elders. Oral traditions are invaluable for understanding Southern African history as they provide detailed accounts not found elsewhere. Further research should focus on validating oral tradition narratives through interdisciplinary methods such as archaeology and ethnohistory.

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