Sankofa Tee Identity Dossier

AL/002 / Akan philosophy



Afrika Labels garment design reference. Not archival imagery.

Identity and origin

Sankofa is associated with Akan ideas of learning from the past. A familiar bird form looks backwards while moving forwards: memory and progress belong together. The US National Park Service explains the symbol in the context of the African Burial Ground memorial. Afrika Labels interprets this relationship through original artwork about remembrance, humility and future-facing growth. The garment's design is a contemporary response, not a reproduction of a historical artefact.

Cultural context

Cultural attribution is to Akan heritage. No unverified proverb translation or synthetic voice is presented as an authentic native oral recording.

The design and its care

Artwork

Minimal front bird mark with bold back artwork, identity code, map reference, and clean collector typography.

Fit and material

240 GSM. Relaxed premium fit with an easy oversized drape. Heavyweight pre-shrunk cotton with a durable rib crewneck.

Care

Wash with similar colours, dry naturally, and keep the back graphic protected from heat.

Research and acknowledgements

US National Park Service, Sankofa

Original editorial writing informed by the named sources. Sources do not imply museum affiliation or endorsement. Reviewed 10 October 2026.

StoryCode is a design-level heritage record, not a garment serial-number verification, numbered-edition certificate or proof of NFC installation.

Continue your story

Read the StoryCode page

Explore the garment