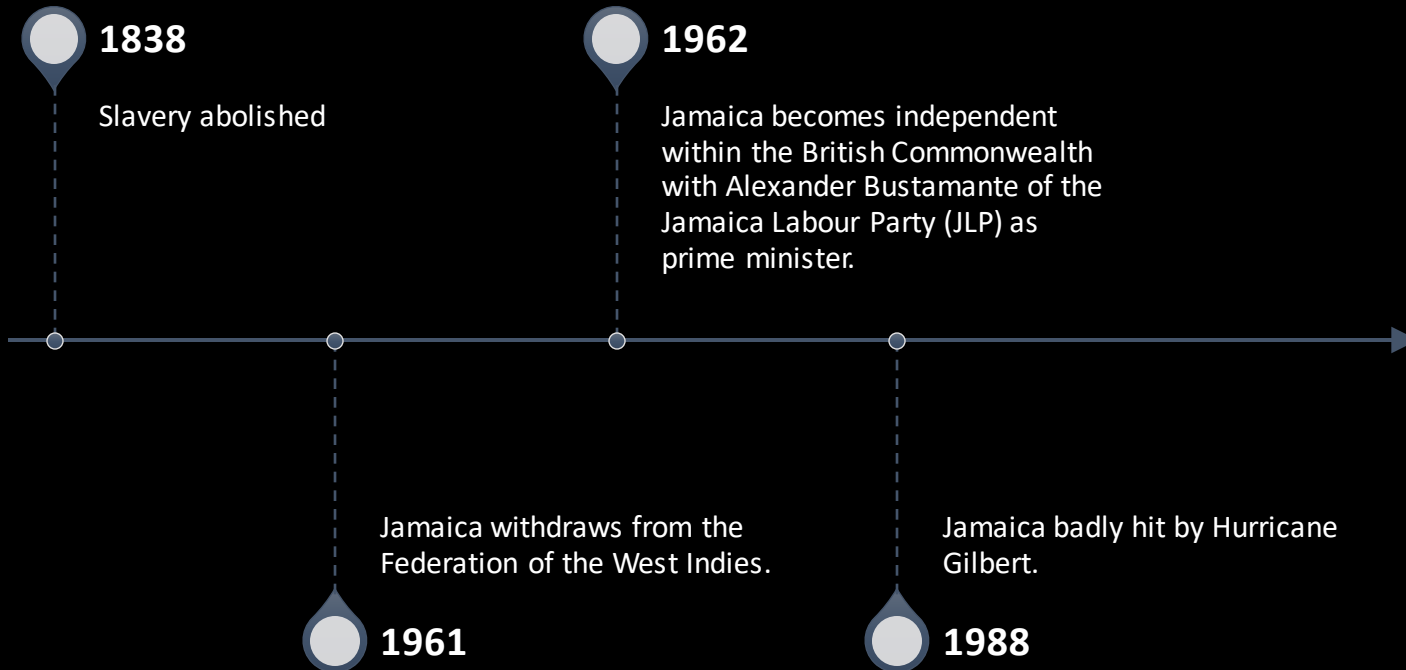


Cross cultural experience

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Jamaica History/Independence



Jamaica Geography and Climate

- *Jamaica has a varied topography with rugged mountains, some of which are volcanic, and narrow valleys and a coastal plain. It is located 90 miles south of Cuba and 100 miles west of Haiti*
- *The climate of Jamaica is tropical and hot and humid on its coast. Kingston, Jamaica's capital has an average July high temperature of 90 degrees and a January average low of 66 degrees.*
- *Jamaica's tropical climate brings warmth all year round, but the winter and spring are classed as the dry season. While showers are possible all year round, February is the driest month on average.*
- *June to November is the wet season and is often characterised by heavy showers and thunderstorms.*

Jamaica Flag: What the colors represents

- The Jamaican National flag has three symbolic colors
 - *Black-depicts the strength and creativity of the people*
 - *Gold-the natural wealth and beauty of sunlight*
 - *Green-hope and agricultural resources*





Jamaica Coat of Arms

- *The Jamaican national motto is 'Out of Many One People', based on the population's multiracial roots. The motto is represented on the Coat of Arms, showing a male and female member of the Taino tribe standing on either side of a shield which bears a red cross with five golden pineapples.*
- *Jamaicans are indeed one no matter what race, class, religion, age or gender, we are all. Jamaicans! We are a united people.*

Traditional Food of Jamaica

- *Ackee and saltfish(Jamaica national dish)*
- *Jerk chicken and festival*
- Escovitch fish
- Rice and Peas
- Oxtail



Jamaican music

- Music and dance have been a big part of my Jamaican culture for centuries. There are different types of genres of music that are in Jamaica mento, ska, rocksteady, reggae, dub music, dancehall but reggae and dancehall is more popular in our culture. Dancehall music is a form of Jamaican popular music that emerged from that country's fertile and diverse music industry in the late 1970s. There are a lot of dancehall artists like Spice, Skeng, popcaan, vybz kartel and much more. Since the late 1960s, reggae has been the primary popular style of music in Jamaica. Its origins reflect the cultural hybridity for which the Caribbean is known. Some reggae artist are Bob Marley, Beres Hammond, sizzla.



Religion in Jamaica

Christianity is the main religion in Jamaica. It is mandatory for Jamaicans to attend church either on Sunday or Saturday. Christianity plays a big role in our culture. Some Jamaicans that go to church on Saturdays don't participate in eating pork. Here are some different religions in Jamaica.

- Protestantism
- Catholicism
- Jehovah witness
- Rastafari





Cultural shock in America

As a Jamaican culture member, some of my culture shock experiences have been how students in most American schools are not expected to wear uniforms, but they are expected to follow dress codes. Another culture shock is the transportation in New York City, which is easy to get around. It is very affordable. There are a lot public holidays and traditions.

Why cross-culture understanding is important ?

Understanding cross culture helps with the interactions between different culture.

Understanding cross culture helps with racism, discrimination, stereotype.

Understanding cross culture helps improves communication between people from different cultures.

Understanding cross culture can helps improve society and the way that students learn.

How does my topic shape my cross culture experience?

Cultural diversity shape my cross culture experience in a way that I get to understand different culture and respect other people and their culture. Culture diversity allow give me the understanding that knowing different culture change the way how we communicate with each other. It also show me that everyone have differences base on the cultural background. My topic help shape my cross culture experience in which accepting of all religious practices and traditions that that are a part of each and everyone it helps us feel comfortable to share or experiences.

Summary

This cross culture really help shape my topic which is cultural diversity and multicultural education which help me learn more about different culture even get to know more about my culture. Having cultural diversity can really change how interact with people from different cultural background. This cross-culture help me about different events that a happen in my country also it allow me to value my culture more also it is very different from living in America

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