



Cross Cultural Presentation

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The History Of Nigeria

The history of Nigeria is not the sweetest, Nigeria was formed in 1914 but Nigeria was under colonial rule by the British for decades until 1960 when they finally gained control. Nigeria had been ruled over by these military powers for 29 long years. Then seven years later the Nigerian Civil War started which later left Biafra to surrender. One thing people don't know is that Africa is a very wealthy country the oil that what being produced led them to go up in state profit by 50% which is crazy. Nigeria's history isn't the best at all there are many things my country has been through and is still going through but for the most part, I feel the worst of it is over.



What Does The Nigerian Flag Mean?

The green color on both ends of the flag depicts the country's wealth.

The white line in the middle express's peace and unity.

Fun Facts:

- Michael Taiwo Akinkunmi created the flag when he was only 23 years of age.
- He was only a student when he designed the flag.
- Michael entered a competition for best Nigerian Flag and won.





Nigerian Dishes

- Jollof rice is a rice dish that I happen to love my mom makes it occasionally and I love it every time, it's like a yellow rice that has amazing seasoning.
- Fufu is another one of my favorites it's a dough that you make with flour and water, and you eat with different varieties of soup or stew.
- Nigeria and Africa, in general, are keen on their spices leading to the next dish which is pepper soup I don't know if that's the original name but that's what I always called it growing up. This dish is a seasoned soup that is spicy with meat in it.

Nigeria's Climate

Nigeria's climate is very tropical. It is very hot in Africa, and it never snows there. One thing I noticed when visiting was that it rains a decent amount for you to grow crops. When it does rain it's usually not normal, it's very hard rains that will leave you drenched in water, trust me I experienced it.



Nigeria's Music

Nigeria has plenty of amazing artists but to start Nigeria is well known for their Afro Beats which was founded by Fela Kuti in the late 1960s. My favorite artist must be Burna Boy, Wizkid, Rema, and Davido. The music is very lively and makes you want to dance; Nigerian artists usually have very distinct beats in their music using different kinds of drums mixed with artificial sounds produced today.



Nigeria's Religion & Norms

The main religions that Nigerians usually follow are Muslim and Christian belief. My parents grew up teaching Christian beliefs and I still follow Christianity till this day. Norms that I noticed growing up Nigerian was that piercings weren't favored on boys I never really understood why but I still got them just because I'm my own person, they also don't favor tattoos because of religious belief they believe putting permanent things like that are a sin. Lastly growing up my parents always cut my hair and I never really liked It, and they did that people Nigerians feel like boys should have short tamed hair but once again I didn't like my hair short and grew it out. As you can see some of these Nigerians norms, I broke myself, but it took a long time to convince my parents, but these are things that many other Nigerian parents are very strict about.

Cultural Shock Between New York & Nigeria

Growing up in New York, I grew up accustomed to many things because my parents worked very hard to make sure my siblings and I were very comfortable. Visiting Nigeria for the first-time things were very different, they washed clothes with their hands and didn't have any washers or dryers which really shocked me. Also, they planted crops, and I didn't even know peanuts were grown from the ground until then. In New York, we have concrete cement streets and in Nigeria, there are mainly dirt roads so when it rained there were many times, we got stuck in the mud out there which was an experience. There are so many things that were different compared to New York City, but I loved it there.

Why Is Understanding Cultural Shock Significant?

Understanding cultural shock is very important because it lets you explore the differences between many cultures and learning about it you might stumble upon something that truly intrigue your interest. Also learning about different things is just something that people should do to understand all types of people better it's truly important.



CONCLUSION

To wrap it up Nigeria is a fantastic country, and I couldn't be prouder to be from there. The differences between Nigeria and New York are clear as daylight. But it's good to know about other cultures, especially your own.

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