Hindu Culture vs Dominican Culture

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Hinduism Beliefs

Hindus believe that each living creature posses a spirit and what u do in your life will determine what u will be born as in your next life. They believe that if you are born as a human in this life that u have done a lot of good in your past life and they also believe that the highest for a spirit can take is a human. The place where a person will go after death will be determined by their karma.

Hinduism Traditions

There are many traditions in Hinduism and a few of them would be

- 1. Hindus do not wear footwear inside of homes, temples and other holy places. They also do not enter temples after consuming alcohol.
- 2. Hindus will typically apply a spot or line of kumkum / koom koom/ between the eyebrows at the time of worship.
- 3. They do not eat non-vegetarian food on specific days of the week or during certain festivals.
- 4. Marriage is an important ceremony for them and they do not hesitate to borrow money for the event.
- 5. A married woman wears a Mangala (MON-guh-lah) sutra around her neck, bangles on her hand and toe rings, which indicates that she is married. She will also wear a Kumkum spot or a bindi between her eyebrows (Hinduism Facts, n.d).

Similarities

Both of our cultures share the similarity of having a traditional dish which is used for events but for the most part our cultures are very different in several ways. Our traditions such as marriage traditions are different. We do both have festivals that are celebrated and it United the people of that culture.



Food Food for Hindus

The traditional foods to eat during religious functions would

Be called seven curry. This is basically a mixture of different vegetables and rice. It is served at weddings, religious functions and basically through a majority of events that take place.

Dominican Beliefs

In the Dominican culture many believe in different religions but the main, and most common religion is known as Roman Catholic and/or Christianity. The majority of the Dominican culture base is relied on a variety of mixtures upon different influences from all over the world. Most Dominicans believe in the Christian God but some believe in other Gods as well.

Dominican Traditions



- Our most known familiar food is known as called la bandera which is rice, with red beans, chicken, fried plantain and salad. Also fried green plantains with salami and sometime fried cheese with fried onions and eggs..
- The most familiar dance we do is known as bachata, tipico, and merengue.
- Baseball is mostly common to be played by a dominican.
- Our language is spanish.



Interesting Facts

- Dominicans in the Dominican Republic celebrate the month of February, with a carnival called "*Carnaval Dominicano*". The reason of this yearly celebration is to have a gathering and unite all dominicans no matter of age nor region, and enjoy the parade mostly done throughout the weekends.
- Unlike any other country the Dominican Republic is the only one with a bible on its flag