

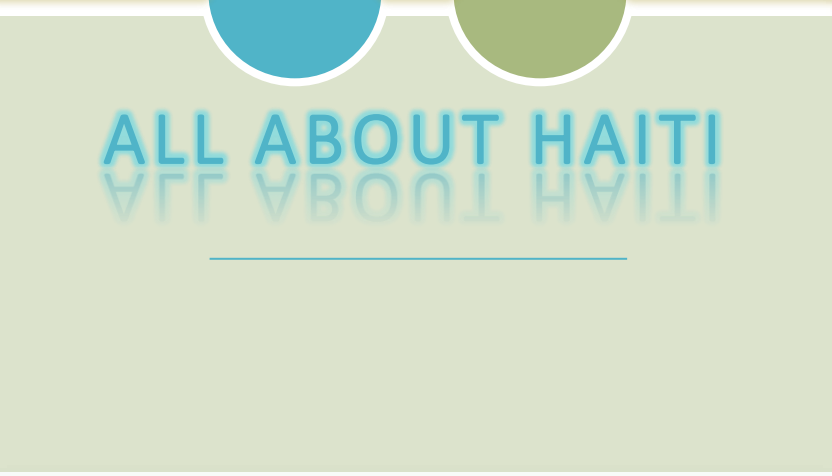


HAITI VS. ST. MAARTEN

MY CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

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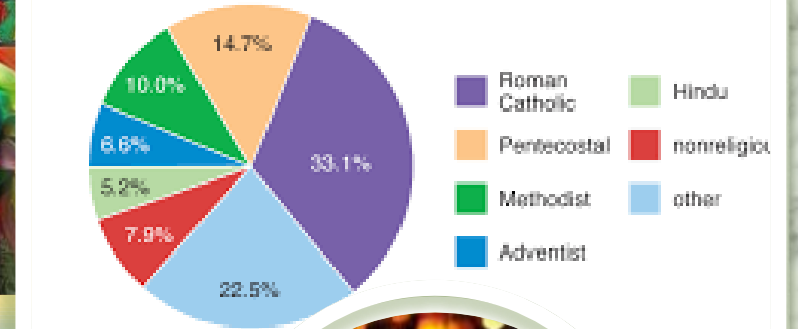






CULTURE AND RELIGION/ TRADITIONS

Brown highlighted pictures: Haïti



Dark Red Highlighted pictures: St. Maarten





DELICIOUS DISHES



Orange Highlighted pictures: Haiti



Green Highlighted pictures: St. Maarten

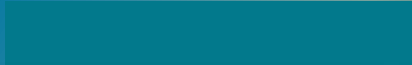
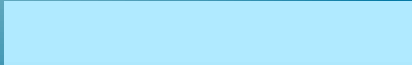
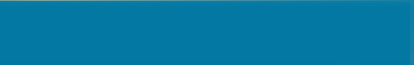
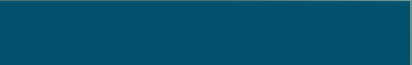




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White highlighted pictures: Haiti

Black highlighted pictures: St. Maarten



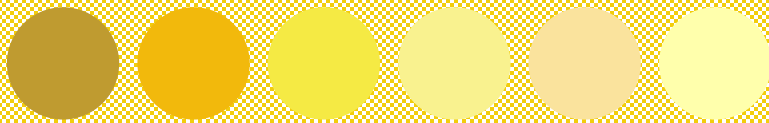


CLOTHING

Dark-gold highlighted pictures:
St. Maarten



Light-yellow highlighted pictures:
Haiti

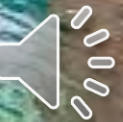




NORMS

Olive-green highlighted pictures:
Haiti

Light-green highlighted pictures:
St Maarten





VERBAL AND NONVERBAL EXPRESSIONS



Nonverbal communication is a way to communicate without using any words. This includes eye gazes, hand movements, facial expressions to even hairstyles. This helps understand how verbal responses should be recognized. A big obstacle that could be caused by nonverbal communications has to be miscommunication. If one does not understand the culture behind many nonverbal communications, one would be confused or see that the wrong way. For example, a nonverbal communication can involve eye contact. Depending on who made the eye contact and even how long the eye contact was made can depict its meaning. "Most nonverbal communication is learned on the subconscious level" means that people learn nonverbal communications through time and different encounters. At a young age, you don't really think that deep into why "Someone is staring at you for that long" or "Are they staring at me like that because they don't like me" For example while growing up, I never liked when people would stare at me. I would always think they were if they did not like me or I was about to get in trouble. In my culture if two people are speaking loudly, waving their arms, and using many gesture, they are considered ghetto. That type of behavior is looked as disrespectful, especially if young people are doing it in front of adults. Another thing that is looked as disrespectful in a way is two men kissing. Some believe that language is not an important factor of verbal communication across cultures. To communicate the easiest way is language. Many don't know but different languages have been used for different types of things, as mentioned in the text "Verbal Messages: Exchanging Ideas Through Language". For example people used the Arabic language in poetry and storytelling to create the belief that the language is "God's language". Now the English language, is used all throughout the United States.



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