



Cross Culture Presentation

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Nigerian Culture:

The Nigerian culture is a very interesting. Some facts about my partner and her culture was:

- The tribe she is from is Yoruba.
- They speak their own dialect, which is also called Yoruba.
- The religion practiced is predominantly Islam and Christianity.
- Every First Sunday of the month the church does Holy Communion



Food:

In interviewing, I've learned several dishes in her culture are:
Jellof rice in this dish the main ingredients are rice, tomatoes, tomato paste, onions, cooking oil, goat or beef meat.



Pepper soup can be made with different kinds of meat like goat or cow leg, along with lots of spices to ensure it's spicy.



Eba is made from dried grated cassava.



Efo is vegetables and stock fish, palm oil, crayfish, and pepper dish



Suya is thinly sliced meat which is very spicy.



Ceremonies:

Weddings:

Like in many cultures, weddings are a big deal. Especially, in a Yoruba, Nigerian culture, the wedding is broken into two days. In the first day it's almost like an engagement party, where they rent a hall and have both sides of the family gather. There the bride and groom are separate for a time. Meaning when introduced the groom and his groomsmen enter the hall first, where they dance to their traditional music and the crowd throw money at them. Then the groom and the groomsmen bow before his parents as a sign of respect and then the bride's parents and her whole side of the family signifying that he is asking for her hand in marriage and for her parents blessings. After the parents of the bride give their blessing to him, he proceeds to sit down. Then the bride enters she dances in as well and bow for her parents and the parents of the groom as a sign of respect. Then she goes before her husband and places his "fila" (hat) on his head.

The best part of a wedding is when money is being sprayed on the bride and groom almost the whole night and on anyone who dance well.

Holidays:

In many cultures, Christmas is very important in the Nigerian culture as well. The day of her family wakes up and head to church before doing anything else. They usually wear white, the women wear a hat on their head but the men just wear white. When In church the service is spoken in Yoruba. After the service is over then they head home and then proceed in opening presents and spending quality time with her family.

Independence Day:

For Nigerians, October 1 represents their Independence Day, where Nigeria's proclamation of independence from British rule. This is the day where a big parade in Manhattan is celebrated, so her and her family go and celebrate. In the parade their is always one famous Nigerian performer there, the admission is free and it is always crowded.

Prayer Gowns=



Traditional Clothings:

A traditional wear for Nigerians is called the Ankara. This clothing is usually cotton and has very bright, vivid colored patterns. There are various types for all occasions.



Then a couple for a wedding would wear any color of their choice for their wedding day and the bride would have a head wrap on along with the bridesmaid sometimes and the groom would wear a hat.



Traditions

- It's considered rude to use your left hand when you don't need too.
- You have to greet someone older than you any time you see them, because you will get screamed at by that person and your parents
- It's normal for a Nigerian to have more than three names. No matter how long it is, it's a must to say all the names at the naming ceremony.

Guyana

- Guyana, is a country on South America's North Atlantic coast,
- Guyana's culture reflects Caribbean ,Nepalese, Indian, and more
- My partners culture reflects towards indian culture
- The religion my partner practices is Hinduism, there is more then one God



Food

These are some of the dishes Guyanese people eat:



- Its rice, chickpeas, black eyed peas, any meat of your choice
- This is pepperpot, it has any meat of your choice and stew that is very spicy, takes hours to make and usually only served on special occasions.
- This is fried Bora, it's basically a long green bean. They eat this as a side dish with their meals.

Clothing



- For the most part Guyanese people wear everyday clothing, but for special occasions, in my partners culture they wear clothing very similar to indians.
- For women it's called a Lehenga and
- for men it's called a courta,
- it is made with cotton and silk, and they both have imbelishes or hand sown patterns.

Ceremonies

- There are three days before a wedding that are important in my partners culture. One of the days are **Sangeet**. The following day, friends and family meet at the 'wedding house' for the sangeet night. This is a very old custom. The cook night has always provided the opportunity for dancing, fun and teasing of the bride and groom. The bride's hands can be adorned with the henna on this night as well. The **matikore** or dig dutty as it is popularly called in Guyana is essentially prayers to Mother Earth or Dharti puja and is done two days prior to the wedding. The same rites are done separately at the homes of the bride and groom. At the bride's home, her mother makes her way to a clean spot some distance from their home and to the accompaniment of the tassa drums and traditional songs offer prayers for the fertility and prosperity of her daughter's marriage. The wedding day brings with it a buzz of excitement. Early in the morning the mothers would go to the home of a female relative for the lawa. No meat, however, and definitely — hold onto your flasks — no alcohol. Over the decades, the Hindu bride has consistently been adorned with real gold jewelry. He can coordinate his outfit with the bride and appear in elegant achkan suits or sherwani, reminiscent of India's nobility with matching turban.
- Funerals- Hindus Cremate the body
- A viewing of the body to send it off.
- They celebrate a day called Diwali- Festival of lights. Light them up all night
- Holi - Festival of Colors. At the end of the day most people are covered in various colors

Traditions

- It's a nine day celebration of a baby's birth, the baby can't leave the house for 9 days, if you do it's considered bad luck
- They Have a small prayers when buying a new house and car, to ensure it brings good luck
- You would greet elders or anyone with a kiss on the cheek

Similarities:

Some similarities are:

- In terms of food, we have the same dish which is called Pepe soup in the nigerian culture but called pepper pot in the guyanese culture, which consists of the same ingredients and this dish is eaten differently.
- In weddings we both have pre ceremonies days before our wedding day in our culture.
- Have a prayer any time you get a new house and a new car