



CULTURES OF THE WORLD

NIGERIA

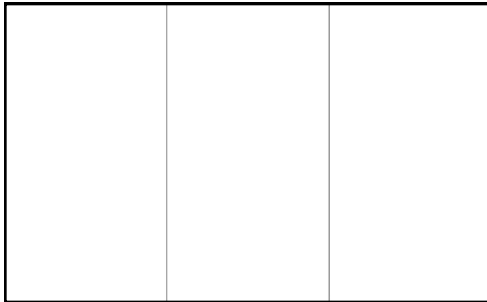


Nigerian Proverb:

The same sun that melts wax is also capable of hardening clay

Meaning:

the problems you are currently undergoing right now will inspire you to desire success. No situation is permanent and one day you will give testimonies on how life was back then. You have the power to change the bad situation into a successful situation just by believing in yourself. Never lose hope and never let anyone discourage you.



Official Name:

Nigeria

Continent:

Africa

Capital:

Abuja

Languages:

There are many languages spoken in Nigeria the main ones include English, Igbo, Yoruba, and Hausa

Money:

Naira

Population:

190.9 million as of 2017



FLAG

- The official flag was designed in 1959 and first officially hoisted on the 1st of October 1960, Nigeria's first independence day.
- The flag has three vertical bands of green, white, green.
 - The two green stripes represent Nigeria's natural wealth, while the white band represents peace.



- The flag used by the President of Nigeria is a bit different from what is used by the masses
 - it is called the presidential flag
 - it is the national triband flag (green, white, green) with the coat of arms in the center.

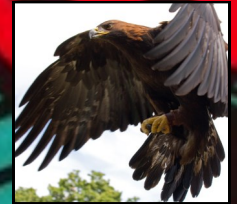


FUN FACTS

- The Nigerian flag was designed by Taiwo Akinkunmi in 1959



- The Eagle is the Nigerian national animal



- Soccer is the national sport



- The name Nigeria is derived from Niger, which is the longest river in West Africa



CINEMA



Nigeria's film industry, known as Nollywood, is one of the largest film producers in the world, second only to India's Bollywood.

Nollywood began in 1992 .

Nigerian movies now make up 11% of Nigeria's non-oil exports.

CULTURE

- Nigeria is located in the West Africa. Boarding Gulf of Guinea as well as the countries Cameroon, Niger, and Benin.
- Nigeria is the 7th most populous country in the world.
- Nigeria is a diverse multiethnic country with more than 520 languages. While English is the official language, Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo are also major languages in the country.
- Lagos, the former capital of Nigeria before being moved to Abuja, is the country's largest and most populous city and has been dubbed "Africa's Big Apple" in reference to New York City.
- Nigeria gained independence from the British Commonwealth in 1960

FOOD

JALLOF RICE

This colorful delicacy is food to many West African Countries, not just Nigeria. Typical ingredients of Jollof rice include rice, onions, tomatoes, chillies and a variety of spices. It can be served with vegetables and desired meat, chicken or fish.



AKARA/KOSAI

Is made from mashed beans, onion and a little bit of chili which is then battered and fried into fritters. These delicious crunchy balls are best made using beans that have been soaked overnight. In the south, it is known as Akara while in the North it is called Kosai.



SUYA

Is a very popular delicacy in Nigeria. Typically made with either beef or chicken. Every Nigerian has their own variation of the Suya. A typical marinade includes ground peanut, garlic, cayenne pepper, paprika, onion powder, and chili pepper. After marinating, the skewers are then barbecued or grilled before being eaten.



MUSIC

Nigeria's best-known cultural music exports are Juju, Afrobeat and Fuji music which barely scratch the surface of the vast and vibrant cultural topography of the nation

In terms of cultural output Nigeria is unrivalled in Africa, with hundreds of studios, thousands of performance venues of all sizes and countless artists and performing groups throughout the country.

In many of Nigeria's cultures, there are no word for music, but rather a variety of highly evolved categories for speech, poetry and metaphors as well as terms for drumming, dance and song. Thus Nigerian music is primarily shaped by the power of words and verbal expression, in both indigenous languages and English, with such concerns as harmony and tuning relegated to a secondary status.

Some notable Nigerian musicians are Davido, Burna Boy, Wiz Kid, Fela Kuti, and Flavour, just to name a few.



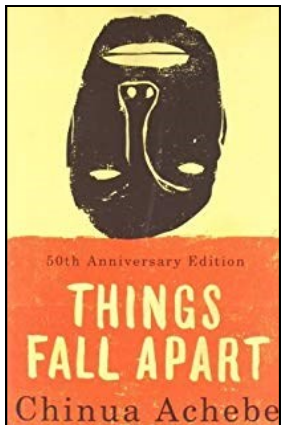
LITERATURE

A few of many Nigerian literarlists include:

Wole Soyinka: the first African to win a Nobel Prize for Literature back in 1986.

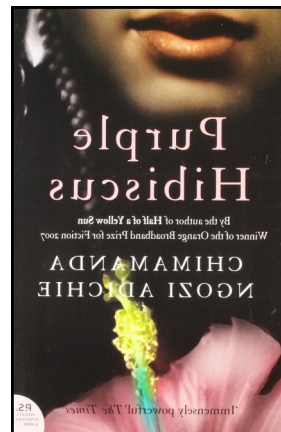
Chinua Achebe: a Nigerian novelist, poet, professor, and critic best known for his first novel, Things Fall Apart.

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: body of work ranges from short stories, to novels, to nonfiction such as Americanah, Purple Hibiscus, and The Thing Around My Neck, just to name a few.



The greatest threat to freedom is the absence of criticism.

– Wole Soyinka



FOOD

NIGERIAN PEPPER SOUP

is among the nation's favorite dishes due to its intensely spicy flavor and the variety of meat, fish or chicken that can be used to cook it. The broth is rich, with aromatic spices, pepper, ginger, garlic and onions to give it that unforgettable taste.



CHIN CHIN

is a hugely popular deep-fried snack in Nigeria that is commonly served to visiting guests. They are crunchy little bite-sized balls made with flour, milk, nutmeg and sugar that are perfect for nibbling on.



MOI MOI

is a type of steamed pudding made from black-eyed peas, ground peppers (chili & bell peppers), bouillon, dried crayfish and onions. It is commonly eaten alongside other dishes such as jollof rice or fried plantain but it can also be eaten on its own as a snack.



FASHION

Nigeria is Africa's most populous country, there are numerous tribes and ethnic groups, many of which wear their own style of garb. In many areas of the country men and women prefer to wear western attire. Traditional attire is worn on a daily basis in many areas of Nigeria. In other areas traditional attire is worn only for special occasions like festivals or weddings.



CELEBRATIONS

Nigeria has a number a festivals to accommodate the many tribes and ethnic groups the country holds.

Some of the festivals held include the Eyo Festival, New Yam Festival, and Calabar Carnival, just to name of few.

Each festival holds it's own purpose and have been celebrated for years, some for over 300 hundred.

