



# Ghana

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# Performance



# Physical Geography & Location

- Located midway between Senegal & Cameroon, bordered by Togo & Ivory Coast
- Rivers/Lakes- Ghana is home to the world's largest artificial lake, Lake Volta
- Climate- Ghana's climate is warm and humid with alterations between rainy summers and dry winters
- Forested Plateau- Kwahu Plateau is an uplifted basin that extends for 160 miles (260 km) around Lake Volta
- Natural Resources- Such as Gold, Bauxite, Manganese etc, contribute to making Ghana one of the wealthier nations in West Africa.



# History

- Ghana was formerly known as the Gold Coast due to the large supply of gold.
- The large supply of gold then led to the colonization of Ghana in 1874
- Was the first Sub-Saharan African country to gain independence, on March 6 1957
- Kwame Nkrumah remains not only the first President of Ghana but the leader of non-violent protests and strike to help gain Ghana's independence
- Between 700 and 16000 Ghana was one of the three great empires in West Africa alongside Mali and Songhai.



# Culture

- Ghana consists of more than 70 ethnic groups with different cultures/traditions, but all cultures are rich and vibrant
- Ghanaians emphasize values such as family, respect for elderly, and honor for tradition
- During festivals Ghanians often enjoy certain foods, (depending on ethnic groups) music and dances
- Food is taken very seriously in Ghana, which is why when eating you are to invite your neighbor to eat with you as a sign of not only generosity but respect
- Ghana's national fabric, kente cloth, is a source of not only pride but identity. Kente is handwoven into intricate patterns from brightly colored silk.




# What I like about Ghana?

I personally am in love with the society and most importantly the etiquette of the Ghanaian people. In Ghana we place great emphasis on formality, politeness and more. The foods of Ghana are amazingly delicious and healthy, as a Ghanaian I take great pride in the foods, tradition, and culture of my country. The diverse range of music and languages in Ghana are also an addition to the things I love about Ghana. Overall Ghana is my Ideal country, it's Beautiful, Peaceful and so much more. I most definitely recommend visiting Ghana in your free time, I know you will not regret a thing.



# How does FJH benefit from having students from this country?

- They benefit from having families from this country because they get to see from a first-hand experience from their different foods to etiquette and so much more.
  - I also believe getting to work with not only this culture, but every other culture will surely improve the way school approaches things socially, emotionally and physically.
  - The history of Ghana and many other countries may be something many people aren't quite aware of
  - The school knowing and getting to experience these cultures could be the beginning of awareness of many different cultures, traditions and beliefs.
  - Getting to be associated with this country could also ensure that students and teachers are exposed to different 80 different languages spoken in Ghana (including dialects)
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