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CULTURAL & EDUCATIONAL Programming

Here are some things you'll learn as we
Journey through West Africa

1

History

Students will discover traditional art forms as an important part of ceremonies that mark the experience of a person's life, teach social values, and depict stories, language, and history of the community.

The culture & language

Countries

The people

The heritage

“
The Manding or Mandinka people were part of the great Mali Empire. They are one of many ethnic groups in West Africa & have a rich dance & musical heritage.

Our journey begins in Mali. Let's explore! Have you ever heard of its famous and wealthy rulers?”



2

Traditional Dance, Song, & Instruments



DJEMBE



Students will explore West African instruments e.g., drums – djembe, dunun, sangban, kenkeni. They will learn simple beats and understand how rhythms go hand in hand with song and dance as a form of communication.

Students will model simple movement patterns & styled dance steps, and learn how dance is a form of expression and celebration in West African culture.



3

Traditional Adornment & Dress



Students will understand how traditional attire and fabrics are worn daily and used for special occasions. They will see, touch, and feel colorful fabrics, make or design adornment, and learn about their significance in various West African ethnic groups e.g., lappas, boubous, beads, cowry shells, masks etc.



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