Anglo American Country ‘Bio’:

Country: Jamaica

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When did it become part of the Anglo-American world?



This is Jamaica’s flag.

Jamaica became part of the Anglo-American world about 1655.

How did it do so? (Colonization, etc.)

Originally, it was colonized by the Spanish. But, after two countries war, it colonized by British in 1655 to 1962. In this Period, English had become their common language. Since colonization by British, a large Jamaican lives another Anglo-American countries, particularly in the U.K., the U.S., and Canada. This allows Jamaica to trade with those countries. And it also became one of the world's top sugar producers.

What are the most important historical events?

In 1831, Samuel Sharpe make a big slave revolt. It failed, but it affected to abolition of slavery. After that, Morant Bay Rebellion (1865) was happened. Led by Paul Bogle, this was a major protest by poor black Jamaicans against injustice. British troops violently suppressed the uprising.

The event led to Jamaica becoming a Crown Colony in 1866, with direct British rule.

Jamaica’s Independence in August 6, 1962 Jamaica gained full independence from Britain and became an independent nation. Alexander Bustamante became the first Prime Minister.

Rise of Reggae & Rastafarianism in 1960s ~1970s. Reggae music, led by Bob Marley, gained global recognition. The Rastafarian movement, inspired by Marcus Garvey and Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, grew in influence.

How did geography impact its culture/language?

There are many mountains. Especially, Slaves hide in Blue Mountains to avoid U.K.’s army. They preserve Africa’s tradition and make strong community. After independence from colonies, they maintain and effect to Jamaica’s culture. Jamaica is characterized by steep mountains, dense forests, and remote valleys, particularly in areas like the Blue Mountains, Cockpit Country, and John Crow Mountains. These difficult-to-access regions provided natural protection for escaped enslaved Africans, allowing them to resist British rule and preserve their African heritage. The isolation of these areas also influenced Jamaican dialects and cultural practices, as Maroons and other rural communities maintained distinct traditions separate from European influence.

What languages are spoken there?

English became the official language, and Jamaican Patois, a language influenced by English is most used language. Also, little speaks Spanish.

How did immigration effect its culture?

Many Indian and Chinese immigrants in the 19th century. And they introduced new foods like curry dishes and stir-fried cuisine. They are localized and many Jamaicans like them. Also, many skilled Jamaicans leave the country to earn money and they affect economic growth in Jamaica.

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