Nigeria

People and Culture
Nigeria has more people than any other African country. Nigeria’s many ethnic groups make it a country of great diversity, or differences.

The People of Nigeria
The people of Nigeria have close ties to their ethnic groups. Each ethnic group has its own heritage, or history, ideas, and beliefs. However, all Nigerians share some beliefs. Family is important to many Nigerians. Nigerians also share national laws and a national culture.

Nigeria’s Cultural Heritage
Much of Nigeria’s culture is based on traditions of the past. Nigerian artisans still make sculptures, masks, and baskets by hand. Traditional music, dance, sports, and storytelling are also important to Nigerian life. Some writers use ideas from traditional folktales in new stories that they write.

Religions and Celebrations
The people of Nigeria practice many different religions. Many are Muslim or Christian. Some follow traditional beliefs. Each religion has its own special holidays.