



Summer Camp 2010
Session 2: Jamaica
June 1 - 4

Camp Description: Charter a boat to this vivid and lively island. Jump in and revel in the music of the steel drum bands, brightly colored beads, and woven fabrics.



Possible Art Projects:

Vibrant Watercolor Seascapes or island landscapes, gourd basket, Jamaican still life painting of indigenous plants & fruits, clay steel drum, Carnival mask.



Some Information about Jamaica:

- The original inhabitants of Jamaica are believed to be the Arawaks, also called Tainos.
- They came from South America 2,500 years ago and named the island Xaymaca, which meant "land of wood and water".
- The Arawaks led quiet and peaceful lives until they were destroyed by the Spaniards some years after Christopher Columbus discovered the island in 1494.
- It became a Spanish possession known as *Santiago*, and later became the British Crown colony of Jamaica.
- Jamaica is the third largest island of the West Indies located in the Caribbean Sea south of Cuba.
- The island cultural traditions reflect both African heritage and British style.
- It is known for beautiful natural surroundings of mountains and beaches.
- The island is named after the Native American word Xaymaca which means "isle of springs".

-Reggae is the dominant music style and is a combination of African folk music and calypso which originated in Trinidad.

Find More on Jamaica and the art of Jamaica at these websites:

<http://www.jis.gov.jm/>

<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/jm.html>



Some Interesting Books on Jamaica and the art of Jamaica:



Jamaican Folk Tales and Oral Histories

Jamaica Anansi Stories

LMH Official Dictionary of Popular Jamaican Phrases

Tilly Bummie and Other Stories: Life in Jamaican Country and Town

Dale's Mango Tree

Jamaican journey: paintings & sculpture

Duppy Jamboree: And Other Jamaican Poems