



Classroom Carnival!

Brazilian Cultural Immersion

Many countries participate in an annual carnival. It is most often found in countries colonized by France, Spain, and Portugal. That is because carnival developed from a fusion of Catholic processions & festivities preceding Lent, and indigenous and African music and dance rituals. The biggest *carnaval* in the world takes place in Brazil where the whole country spends at least a week dancing in the streets!

In the southern state of Rio de Janeiro, hundreds of thousands of tourists join the millions each year participating in or watching the Samba competition in Rio de Janeiro.

In the northern state of Bahia, the biggest festival happens in the city of Salvador, known to be the home of the music and dance style known as Samba Reggae.

Samba is a fast-paced dance done with three steps: back on the right, in place on the left, close the right, then repeat starting left. See it performed in a routine here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nM1p5AdHiJI>

Samba Reggae consists of several movements inspired by West African dance and the sweeping gestures of the drummers. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NMerG43fATs>

Try it out yourself!

View footage from Carnaval:

Bahia 2015:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eQ-NIHUcffY>

Rio de Janeiro 2010:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8uCX_eD-i4U&list=PLtv0qCwEbm9F-qCxrky_UngtNr2iMPCyu&index=5

All about Rio carnival

<http://www.rio-carnival.net/index.php>

Students can make percussive instruments out of just about anything! Try beans in a can or pencils or hands on empty milk gallons. Here's a quick video breaking down the basic moves into simple steps! https://www.dropbox.com/s/t0d14xqgobwllby/IMG_6778.MOV?dl=0



“They Don’t Care About Us” video by Micheal Jackson, featuring Olodum, the creators of Samba Reggae https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QNJL6nfu_Q