

SIERRA LEONE



FIFTY YEARS AND GROWING STRONGER

Presentation by:



Me
Against Poverty
Educate To Eradicate Poverty



Did you know...?

- Located in West Africa, bordered by the Atlantic Ocean in the west, by Guinea in the north and east, and by Liberia in the south.
- Originally “Serra Lyoa” (lion mountains) is the name given by Portuguese navigators after landing in 1450
- Became an Independent Nation in 1961
- Became a Republic in 1971
- Freetown is the Capital City



Did you know...?

- **Two main ethnic groups**

- **Mende (30%)**

- Speaks Mende language and live in the Central and Southern Sierra Leone

- **Temne (30%)**

- Speak Temne and live in the North

- **Creoles or Krios (10%)**

- Descendants of freed slaves from various regions

- **Other Groups: Bullom, Fulani, Gola, Kissi, Kono, Koranko, Krim, Kru, Limba, Loko, Malinke, Sherbro, Susu, Vai, and Yalunka**

- Tropical climate, palm trees
- Agriculture best known for cacao, cassava, coffee, ginger, oranges, palm kernels, peanuts, piassava, rice.
- Leone Rice is the main food crop
- Mining—chrome ore, diamonds, iron ore, rutile.



Did you know...?



Old Fourah Bay College at Cline Town, an institution which made great contribution to education not only in the country but also in the sub-region and beyond was known as the Athens of West Africa in it's day.



“Athens of West Africa”

Gullah: Sierra Leone-American Ties

- The **Gullah** are a distinctive group of Black Americans from South Carolina and Georgia
- The Gullah people are directly descended from the slaves who labored on the rice plantations, and their language reflects significant influences from **Sierra Leone** and the surrounding area
- The connection between the Gullah and the people of Sierra Leone is a very special one

Rice

Language



Names

Slavery

Folk tales

Search for additional research completed by **Joseph Opala**, of Fourah Bay College

Bunce Island



- Bunce Island was the largest British slave castle on the Rice Coast of West Africa.
- Founded around 1670, it exported tens of thousands of African captives to North America and the West Indies until the British Parliament finally closed it down in 1808



DO YOU THE MEANING OF THE FLAG COLORS?



- The triple-striped Sierra Leone flag was adopted in 1961 following the nation's independence from Britain. It features the color green, which stands for the country's agriculture and natural wealth, white, which symbolizes justice and unity, and blue for the Atlantic Ocean,

SIERRA LEONE HAS INFLUENCED MANY AREAS OF OUR CULTURE

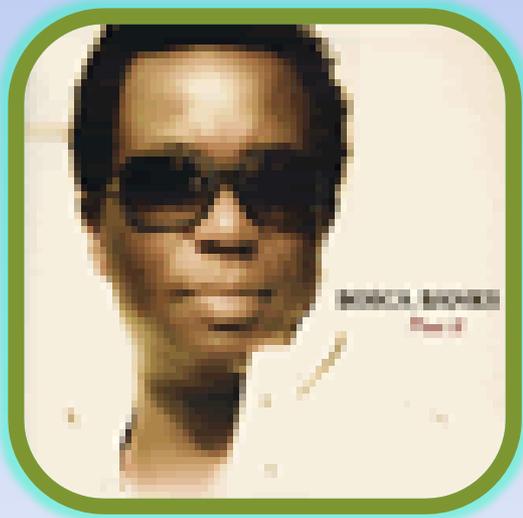
...NATION OF HARD-WORKERS...



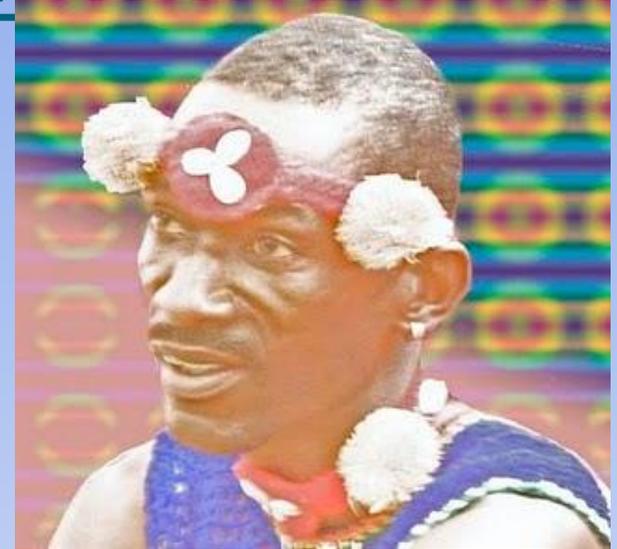




Global Influences - Music



Musical Greats of all Time



Global Influence Through Entertainment



Isha Sesay, previously a British journalist- now a CNN Correspondent



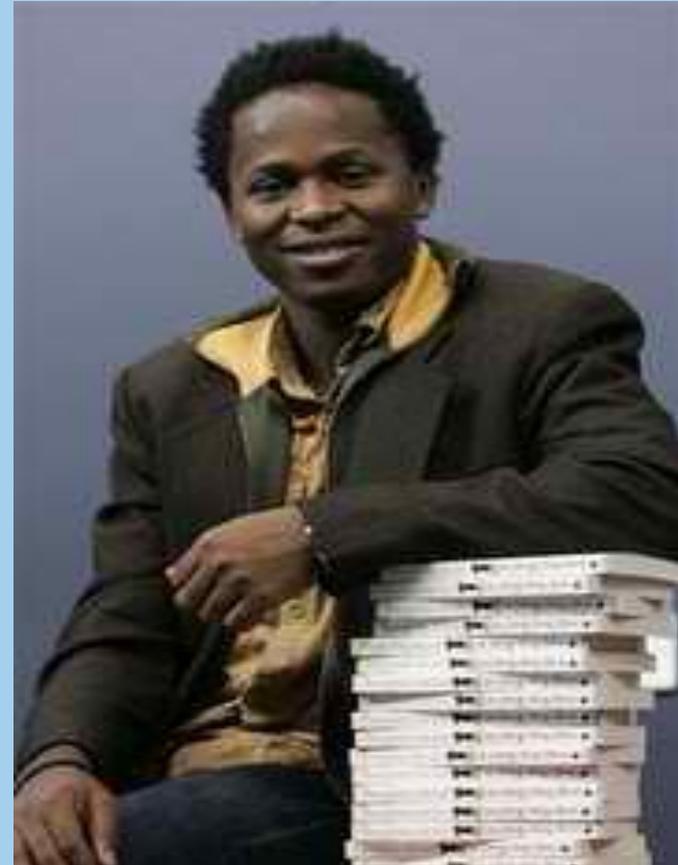
Isaiah Washington, traced ancestral roots to Sierra Leone

Idris Elba



**Famed actor whose father
is from Sierra Leone**

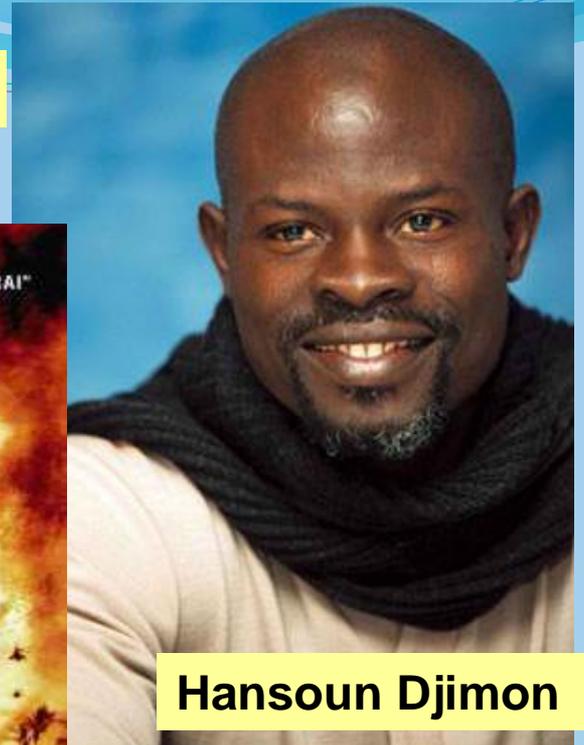
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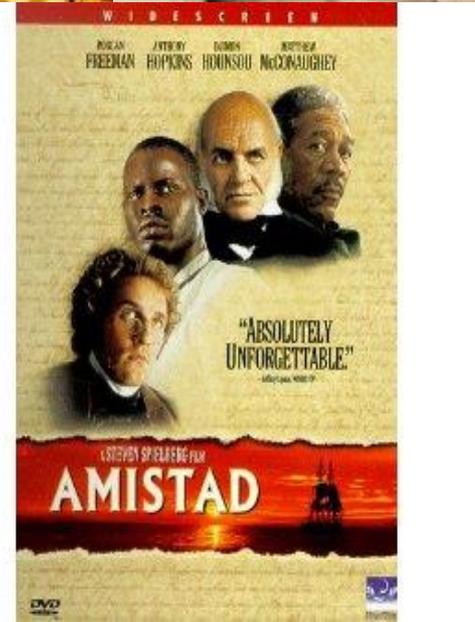
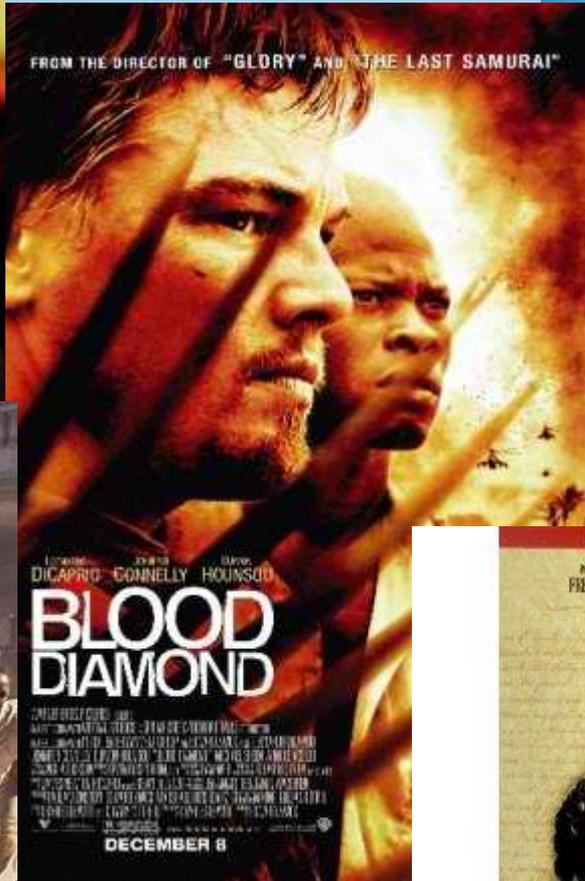
**Former Child rebel soldier of
Sierra Leone who is now a best
selling author and public speaker**



Leonardo Di-Caprio



Hansoun Djimon



Roc-A-Fella Records Presents
GRAMMY AWARD WINNER
KANYE WEST
“DIAMONDS
FROM SIERRA LEONE”
REMIX FEATURING
JAY-Z

 **ROC-A-FELLA**
RECORDS
WE GETS BUSY



Global Influence Through Sports



Mohamed Kallon



Mohamed Bangura

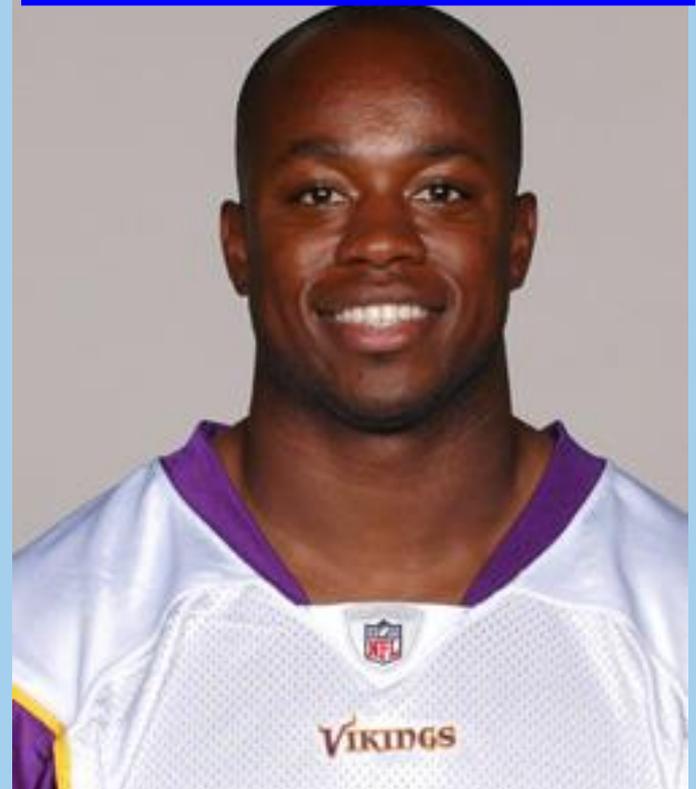




Madieu Williams, a native Sierra Leonean plays for the Minnesota Vikings



Gibril Wilson, a native Sierra Leonean plays for the Cincinnati Bengals



Cultural Influence through Cuisine



MEAT PIES



PLANTAINS



GROUNDNUT SOUP



COUSCOUS

Cultural Influences - Cuisines



ACARA



ROAST BEEF SHISH KABOB



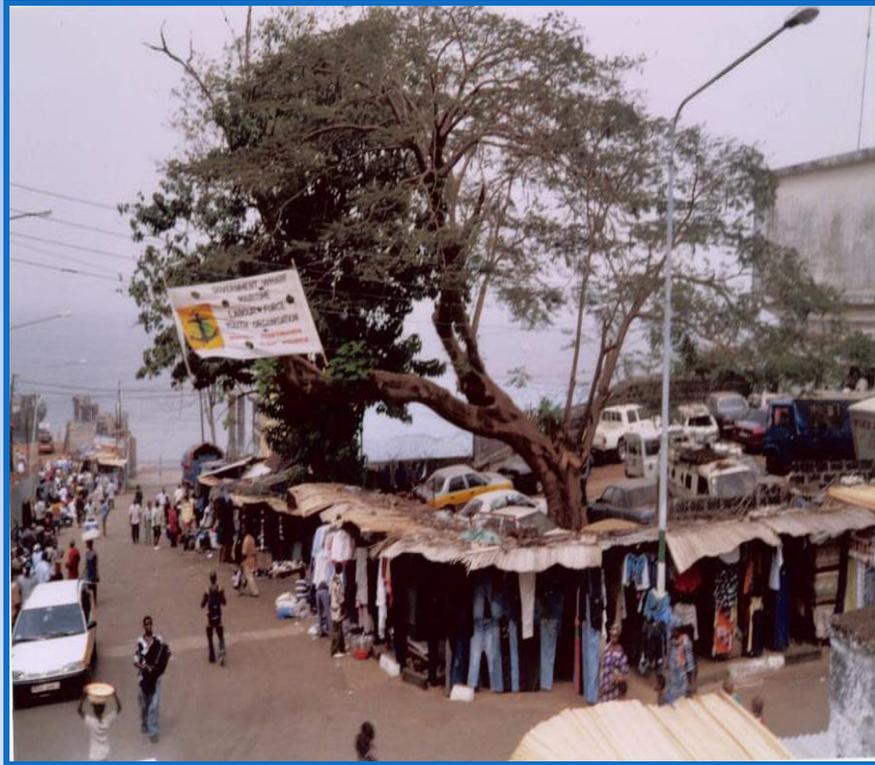
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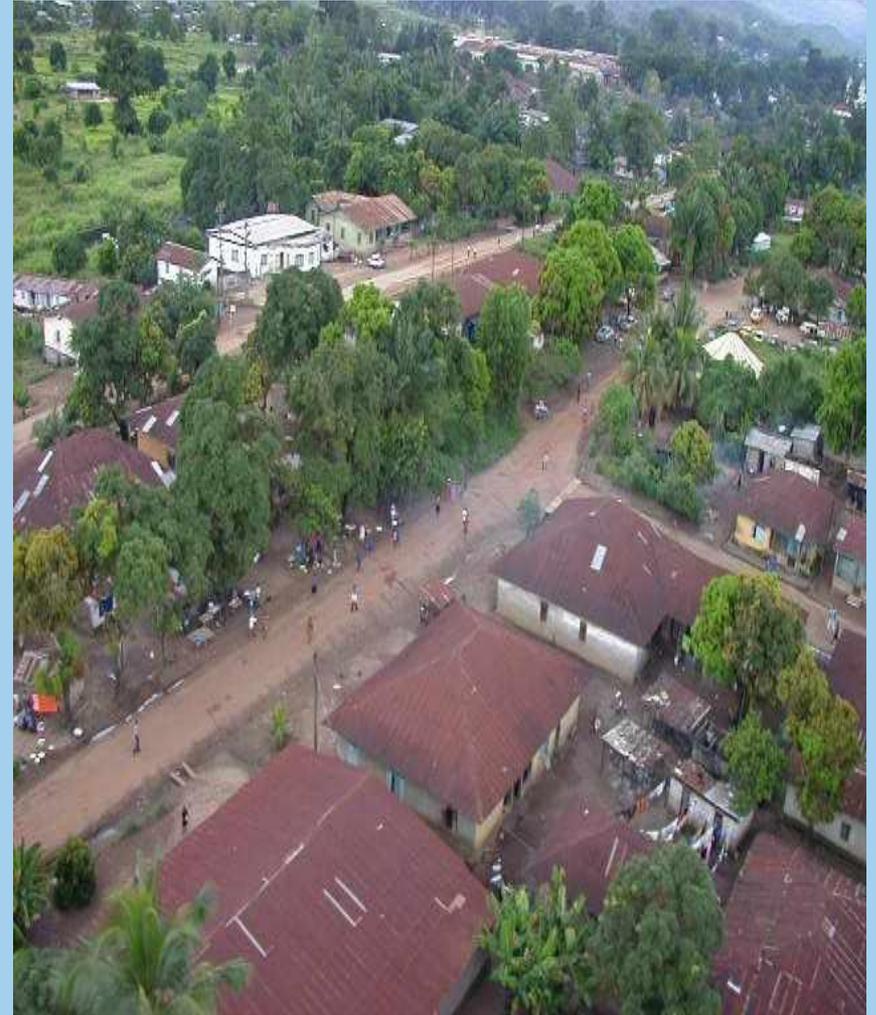
SPINACH PLASAS

~ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS~

EXPLORATION THROUGH PICTURES



LIFE IN THE CITY



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FREETOWN



STATEHOUSE



KIMBIMA HOTEL



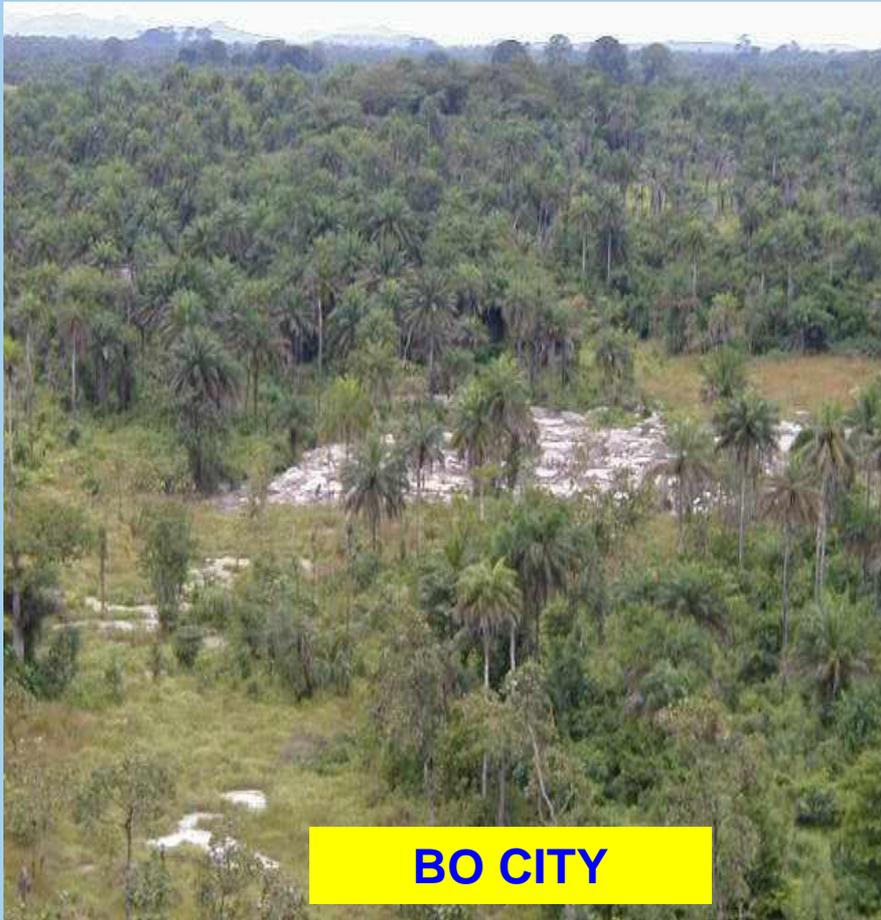
FAMOUS COTTON TREE



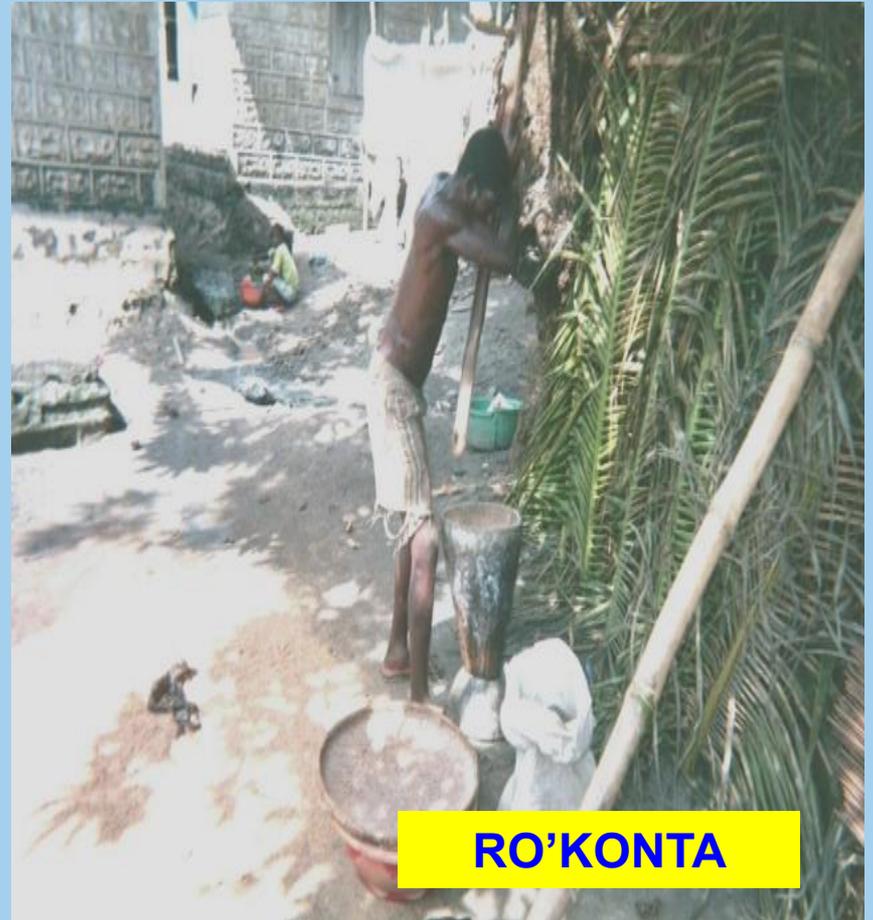
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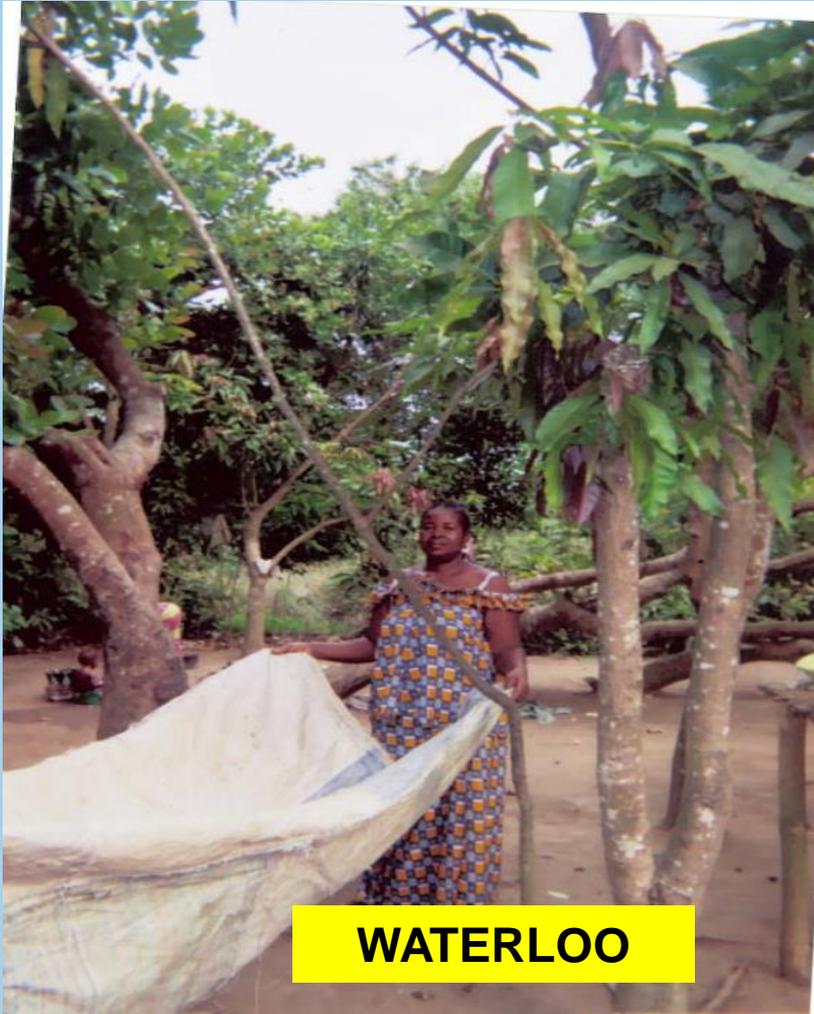
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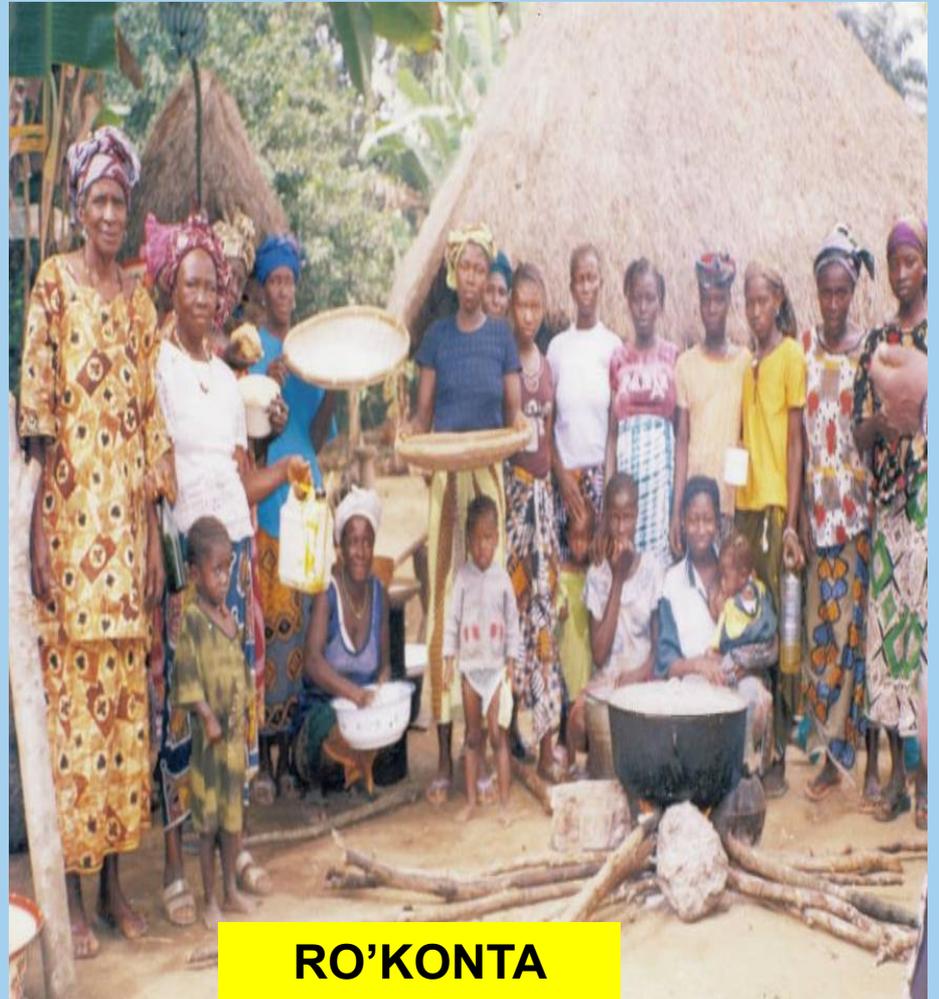
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RO'KONTA



WATERLOO



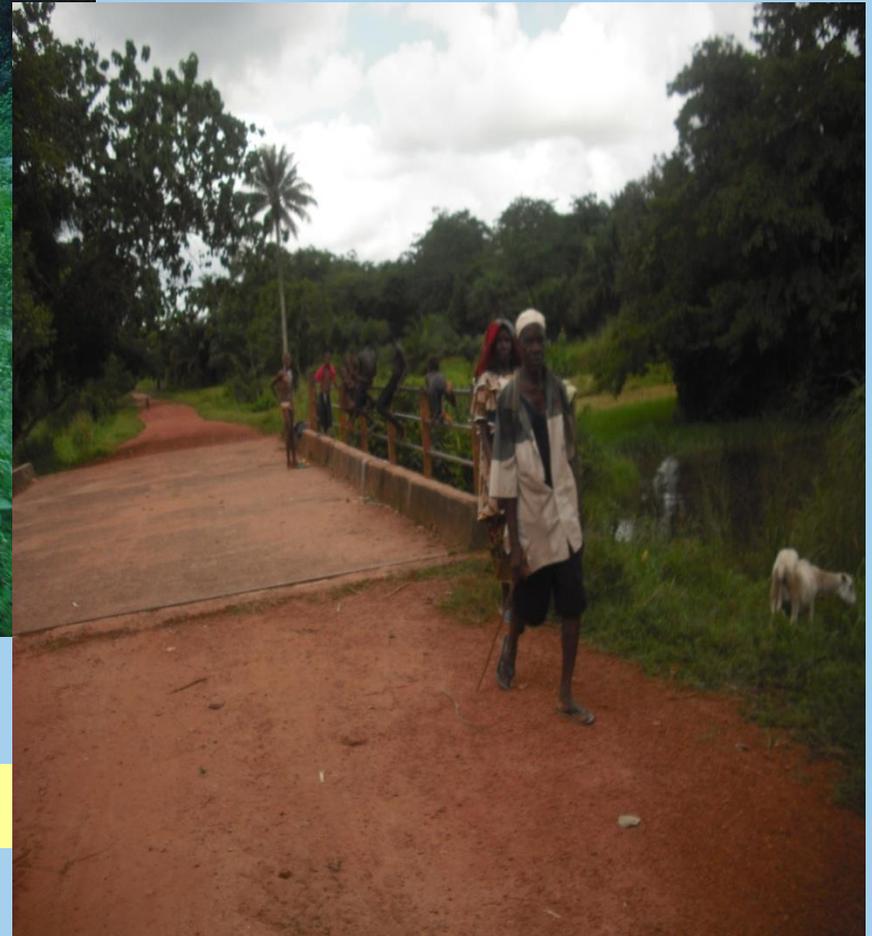
RO'KONTA



YONIBANA







Beautiful Land of Yonibana



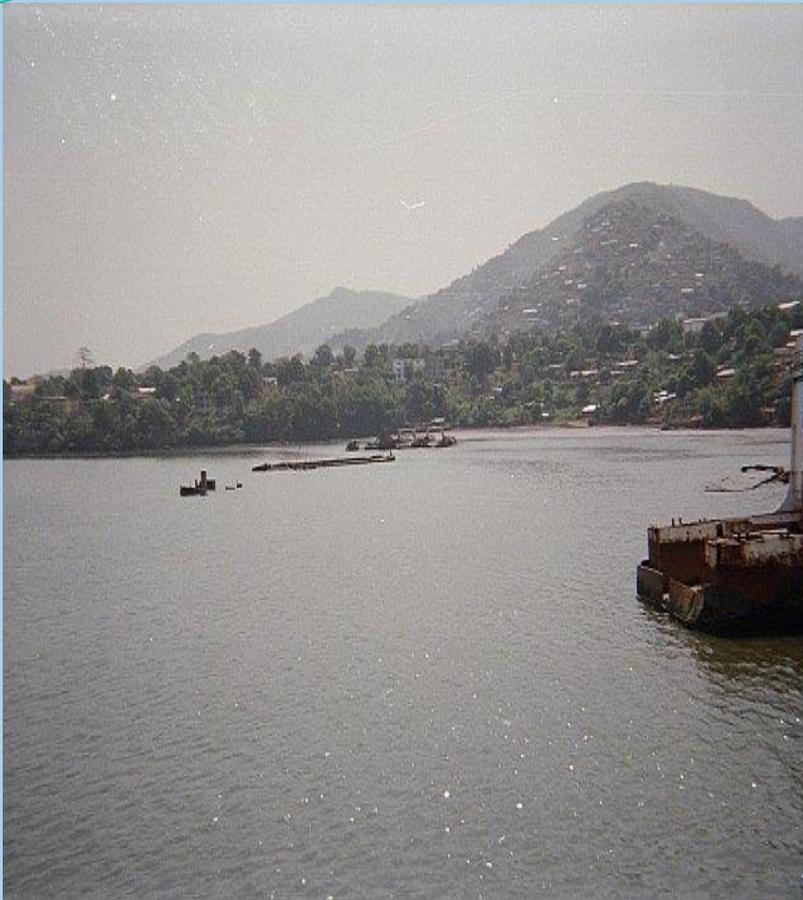
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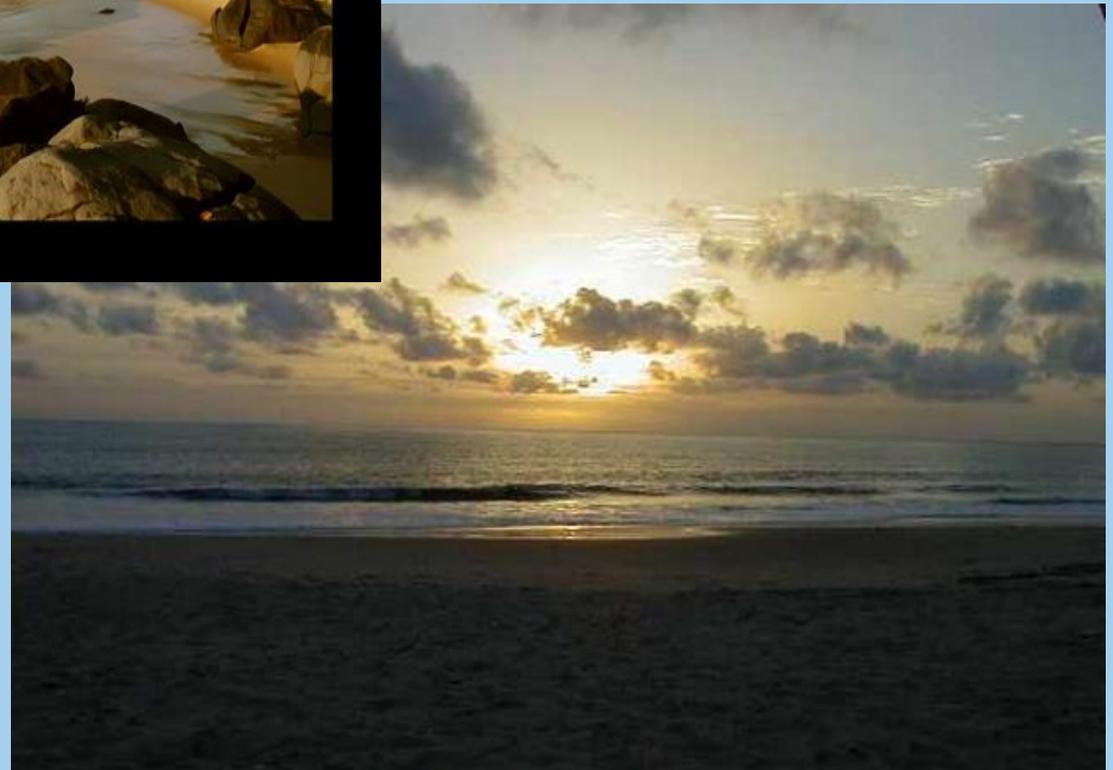
Ro' Konta

BEAUTIFUL SANDS & WATERS WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS













**In the Beginning
(before the war)**



Sierra Leone During the 1960's



Sweet Salone



Visit from Queen Elizabeth







Civil War Strikes

Sierra Leone's Civil War

- Started in 23-Mar-1991
- Lasted 11 years
- Over 120,000 lives lost
- Over 2 million displaced
- Children were the most affected
 - Psychological
 - Education
 - Future Aspirations

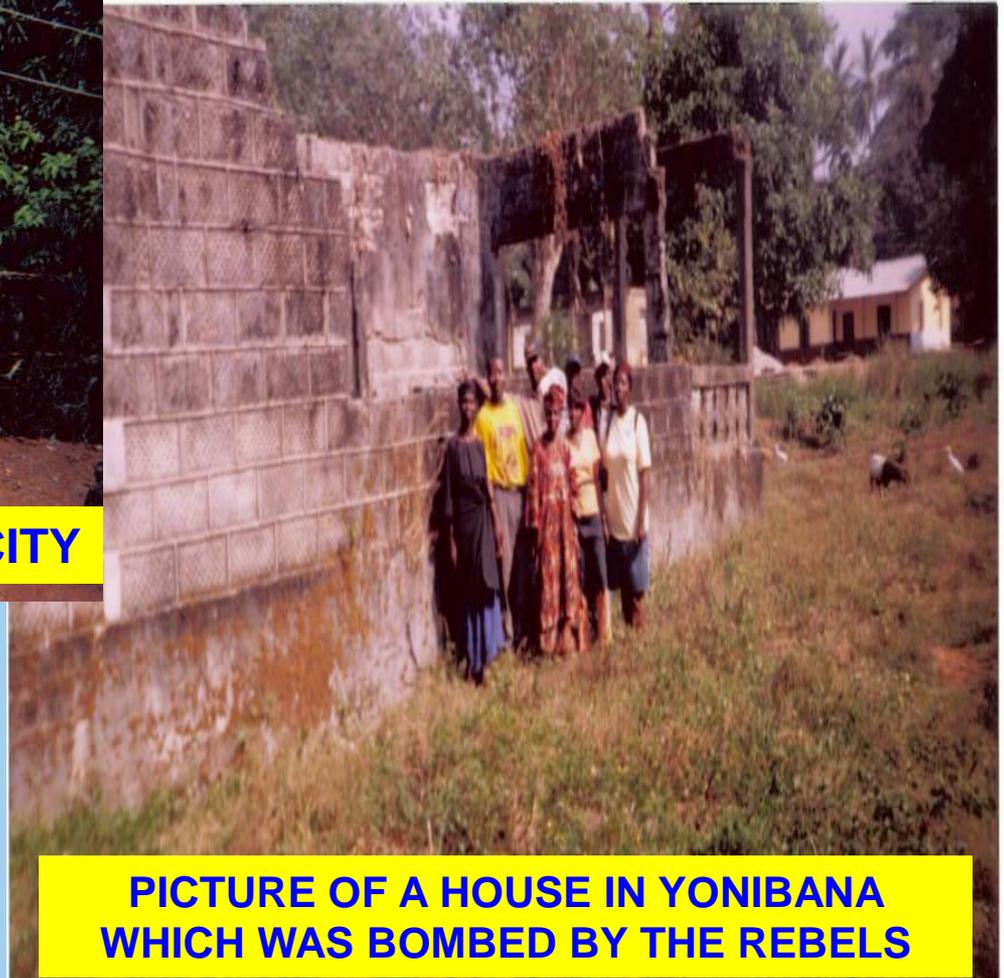


War Aftermath...





DILAPIDATED HOUSING IN THE CITY

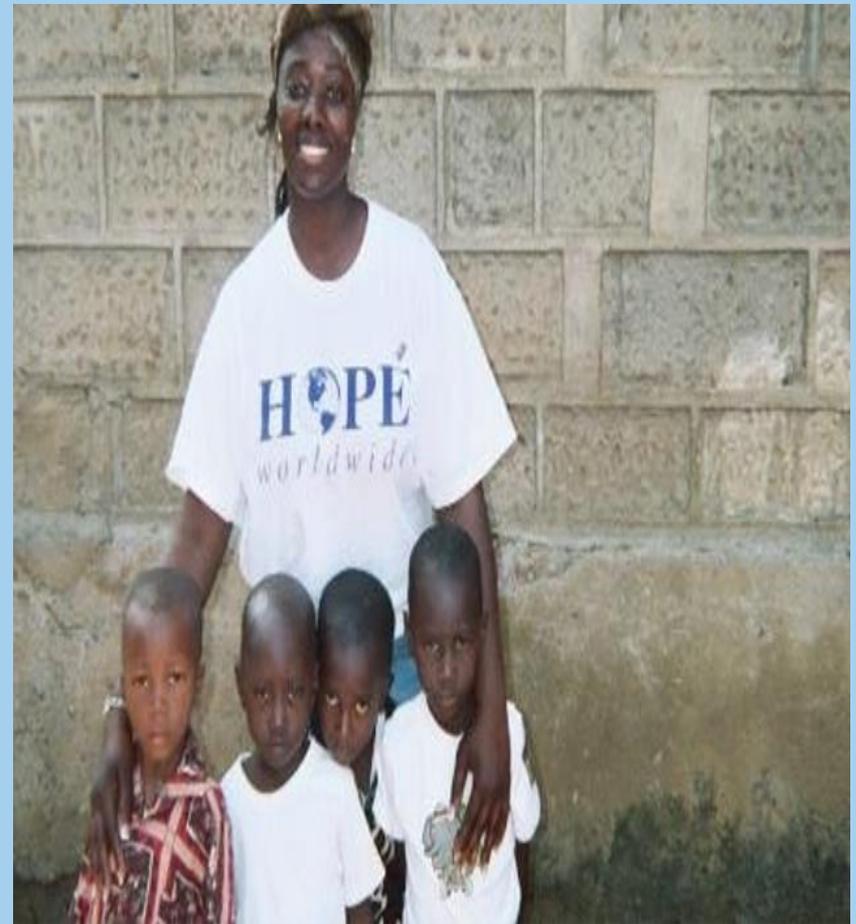


PICTURE OF A HOUSE IN YONIBANA WHICH WAS BOMBED BY THE REBELS

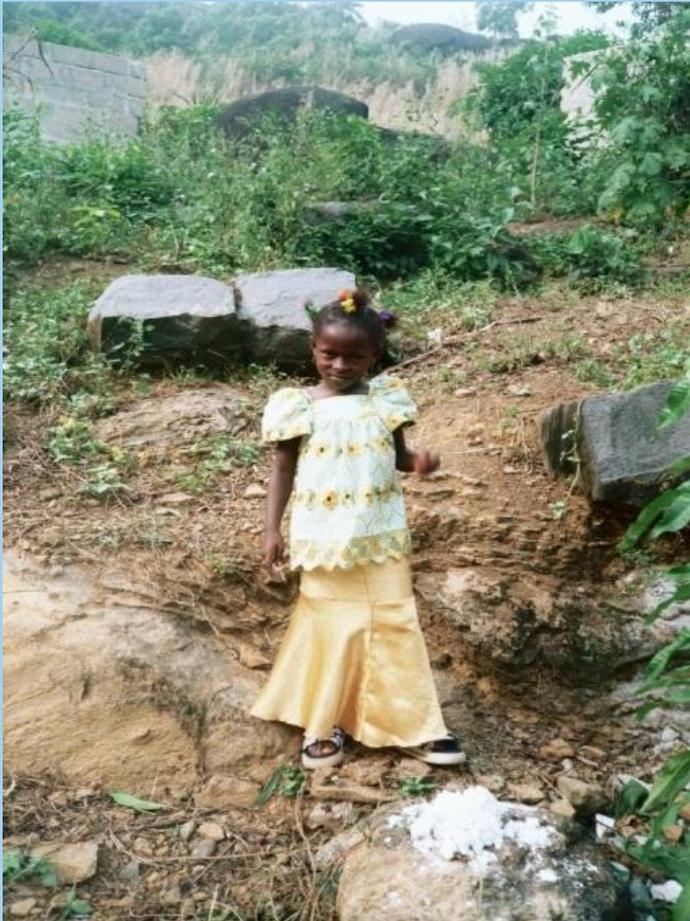
Overcrowded Marketplaces



There's Still Hope...



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Hope for healthy women and children in Sierra Leone



Raising up tomorrow's leaders



YSS Students

THE BEAUTY OF HOPE





MAP's Mission

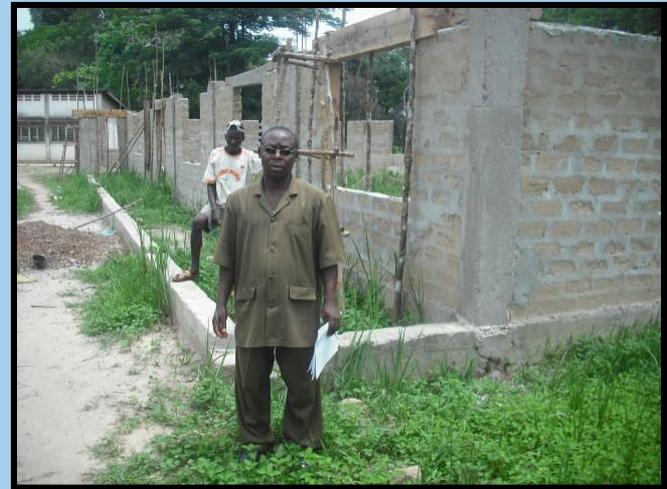
Our mission is to empower underserved Sierra Leoneans by providing quality education to help communities in Sierra Leone thrive and break the cycle of poverty.



Educate to Eradicate Poverty
www.meagainstpoverity.org

MAP Needs YOU!

- Raise money by searching the web and purchasing items via **Good Search**, where you can designate MAP as your organization
- Make a **tax-deductible gift** through our website
- Join our team at **Kiva.org** and give to a deserving entrepreneur
- Visit our website to become a member and join our discussion group
- Join us on **Facebook**: Me Against Poverty
- Volunteer at an upcoming fundraiser event (s)



To Ensure a Brighter Sierra Leone Through Better Education





Working together, we can empower by providing the necessary education tools and resources!



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CELEBRATING A BEAUTIFUL NATION



Sierra Leone National Anthem

**High we exalt thee, realm of the
free;
Great is the love we have for thee;
Firmly united ever we stand ,
Singing thy praise, O native land.
We raise up our hearts and our
voices on high,
The hills and the valleys re-echo our
cry; Blessing and peace be ever
thine own, Land that we love, our
Sierra Leone.**

**One with a faith that wisdom
inspires, One with a zeal that never
tries;
Ever we seek to honour thy name
Ours is the labour, thine the fame.**

**We pray that no harm on thy
children may fall,
That blessing and peace may descend
on us all;
So May we serve thee ever alone,
Land that we love our Sierra Leone.
Knowledge and truth our forefathers
spread,
Mighty the nations whom they led;
Mighty they made thee, so too may
we Show forth the good that is ever
in thee.
We pledge our devotion, our strength
and our might,
Thy cause to defend and to stand for
thy right;
All that we have be ever thine own,
Land that we love our Sierra Leone.**

United States National Anthem

Oh, say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars,
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?
On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, now conceals, now discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines on the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.
Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heaven-rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, for our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner forever shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

THANKS



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