

<p>Jamaica is a land filled with the descendants of Spanish and British explorers and early African slaves.</p>	<p><u>Reggae</u> music from Jamaica is famous throughout the world because of the recordings of Bob Marley.</p>	<p><u>Bob Marley</u> and his friends developed reggae from the Ska music they grew up with in the ghettos of Kingston, Jamaica.</p>
<p><u>Mento</u> is the country music of Jamaica that was popular in the early 20th century.</p>	<p><u>Mento</u> combined with early rhythm and blues to create a music they call <u>Ska</u>.</p>	<p><u>Dancehall</u> is a kind of music that is heard in dancehalls across Jamaica. It is best described as a cross between Reggae and Rap.</p>
<p>Jamaica's flag is green for the lush farms, yellow for the beautiful sunshine, and black for the country's dark past.</p>	<p>A motto of the Jamaican people is this: <u>Out of many,</u> <u>One people.</u></p>	<p>Dub Poetry is sung to a musical beat, always spoken in Patois, the English dialect common in Jamaica.</p>

<p>A popular music from Jamaica is called Reggae. It is usually sung in Patois and calls for Peace, Love and Cooperation.</p>	<p>When Jamaican's sing and dance in evening festivals, the night is often decorated by the 14 different species of fireflies that live in on the island.</p>	<p>Ian Fleming spent much of his time in his home in Jamaica, where he wrote his beloved novels of James Bond.</p>
<p>Columbus came to the island of Jamaica on two different trips. When he finally came home, the king and queen of Spain gave him the island as a thank you gift.</p>	<p>The Mento music of Jamaica is a folksy country music. It was the first music ever recorded in Jamaica.</p>	<p>Mento music was influenced by the American Rhythms and Blues, and the music called SKA was born.</p>
<p>SKA music evolved into two kinds of popular music, one called ROCK STEADY, and one called REGGAE.</p>	<p>The steel drums, very popular in Jamaica, were originally created in Trinidad.</p>	<p>The differences in Jamaican music are based one where they place their syncopation, the offbeat of the music.</p>