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African drumming

The Djembe hand drum has been used in West Africa for at least 3000 years. The drum contains three spirits: the spirit of the tree, the spirit of the animal whose skin forms the drum head, and the spirit of the instrument maker. Drums were originally used to send messages over long distances.

In the past drums were used in Africa to warn that slave traders were approaching. Today drums are popular in both traditional and modern

Drumming is fun. Have a go.



abolitionists helped as many as 100,000 slaves escape to freedom in the United States through a network of secret routes and safe houses known as the Underground Railroad. Folklore suggests that patterns on quilts (a type of bedcover) communicated a secret code or map to help slaves to escape. As part of the slavery here! project, the Newtown Community has produced a commemorative quilt with artist Jo Dale.



A Taste of Africa

slavery. Today, the Tees Valley hosts an annual - music, fashion, dancing and food, from all over the





African culture has survived celebration of African culture African continent. The event promotes cultural integration and understanding.

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What not to Wear

Some of the T-shirts, jeans and trainers that we wear are produced in poor conditions by workers (mainly women) who work for little pay and have few rights. Leading clothing and sportswear brands employ modern-day slaves in poor working conditions. So-called 'sweat shops' are a real problem in the global www.peopleandplanet.org garment industry. You can follow current cases online.

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