

Essay about me

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It is a common dream for any individual to visit or stay in a new country that promotes diversity and cultural appreciation. Therefore, just like other people who come to the United States of America I migrated to the United States from Ethiopia in the year 2005. Most of my childhood was spent at the capitol city, Addis Ababa, in Ethiopia, which is my home country. My family and I moved to the United States when I was 16 years old through the lottery visa program. Life in the United States was initially a very challenging, as there were numerous limitations like language barrier and cultural differences that made daily experiences a struggle. In addition, as much as I try to assimilate into the America society I still care for my culture, Food & Drink, Religion, Music and Education and expect to pass it on to my children in future.

My life in Ethiopia was a wonderful experience because of the high level of diversity due to various ethnic groups with different cultures. During my early years in Ethiopia, we stayed in Ethiopia's capital city Addis Ababa that has a population of about four million and is the main hub for both local and international transactions in both economic and social activities. Most of the rich people in Ethiopia live in Addis Ababa, which is the largest city, and most Ethiopian economic activities involve agriculture. In addition, in Ethiopia there are smaller villages, towns and townships. The Ethiopian economy is undergoing a transformation compared to other countries in the world. Therefore, my life in Ethiopia provided me with a diverse experience and culture. The year 2005 is the most memorable moment in my life as it was when my family and I moved to the United States of America in search of a better life. It was when I left my homeland with my family and started a long journey to the United States of America. It was also my first time to be on a plane and it was a wonderful experience. However, it was also a sad experience as I was leaving my home country for a foreign country. After long hours of flying, we finally reached our destination and headed straight off the airport. Life in America has been a different

experience as it was a very different from my Ethiopian culture. The first challenge was language barrier as I had heavy accent and no idea of the English language. I started learning English language and watched many American movies to improve my language. My parents enrolled me to local schools, which helped improve my language and increase my social circle as I made many friends.

In Ethiopia, we had a strong culture that involved a lot of diversity due to the mix of different ethnic communities with different linguistic backgrounds. In addition, there is also diversity in customs and tradition, which involves one of the most important parts of Ethiopian culture, which is the literature. The Ethiopian literature is represented predominantly by numerous translations from ancient Greek and Hebrew languages. There is also the traditional clothing, which is also an important part of the Ethiopian culture. The Ethiopian traditional costume is made of woven cotton and men wear traditional clothes called as gabbi or netella while the women's traditional clothing is called "kemis" and netella. In Ethiopia there are eighteen important public holidays. The Ethiopian national dishes are important part of the social culture of ewrhiuioipian people. Omne of the Ethiopian drinks that is widely appreciated by the Ethiopian people is the homemade wine, which is normally taken together with food or during social gatherings. In addition, there is also the injera, which is a traditional lager spongy pancake that is made of teff flour and water. Teff is a unique commodity that is normally grown in Ethiopian highlands. The injerta is normally served with other foods like wat, which is a hot spicy stew. In Ethiopia, there is also Doro wet, which is also an Ethiopian delicacy.

In Ethiopia religion is an important and common practice, which makes it a religious country especially the Ethiopian orthodox. There are also other important churches like the Ark of the Covenant and religious festivals, which commemorates the important parts of the religious

[people in Ethiopia. This quality makes Ethiopia an extremely tolerant country with much diversity. As an individual, I am liberal when it comes to music because I listen to America music combined with my traditional Ethiopian music. The traditional Ethiopian music is important to me because it entails teachings and knowledge about the Ethiopian people and its culture. In addition, the traditional Ethiopian music involves extensive use of traditional instruments, which are used to produce sounds as people sing during entertainment.

In conclusion, as an Ethiopian, America has exposed me to a very different culture based on its diversity. However, I would love to preserve my home culture and pass it on to my children when I have my own family. In addition, I would love my children to be knowledgeable of my Ethiopian culture of music, food, religion and general knowledge of their ancestral country.