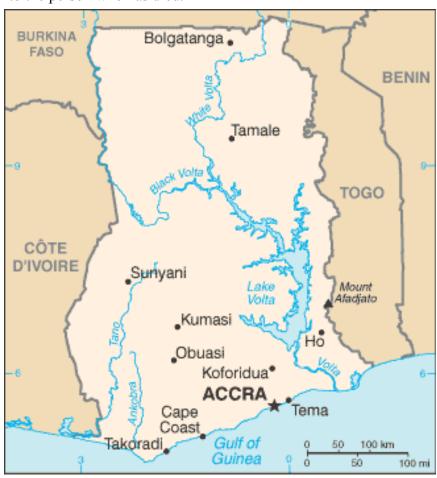
Families of the World: Ghana

1) 8-year-old <u>Deborah</u> lives with twelve extended family members in a family compound in a rural village in southern Ghana. She gets up at 5:30 a.m. to do many chores before she leaves for school. Her brother applies a medicinal plant to a cut he got while sharpening a machete. 2) In Accra, Ghana's capital, ten-year-old <u>Emmanuel</u> lives with his sister, mother, father and aunt. We follow him to school and to a funeral where his mother and father sing in the choir. We also see colorful coffins in shapes that are meaningful to the person who has died.



Vocabulary

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12.pledge of allegiance
13.national anthem (n)
14.cocoa (n)
15.divorce (v)
16.proverb (n)
17. Anglican (n)
18.cholera (n)
19.recess (n)
20. funeral (n)
21.priest (n)
22.altar (n)
23.coffin (n)

Part 1: While Watching

A) Deborah:

- 1. How many trips do they make to the village well?
- 2. What are some of her chores in the morning?
- 3. How old is grandpa?
- 4. What does grandpa know how to do?
- 5. Are the sellers at the market mainly men or women?
- 6. Why don't sellers put prices on their products?
- 7. T or F? Parents pick the husband for their daughters.
- 8. T or F? Girls have no choice about who they will marry.
- 9. T or F? It is common for a man to have more than one wife.
- 10. What do they buy for breakfast on the way to school?
- 11. Why do they collect firewood at school?
- 12. What do they do after they collect the firewood? (2 things)
- 13.T or F? They have the same teacher for all their classes.
- 14. What is the national language?
- 15. How many languages do they speak in Ghana?
- 16. What does Ghana grow a lot of?
- 17. Why do girls have to learn to be good cooks?
- 18. Why is a husband happy when his wife has a baby girl?

B) **Emmanuel**:

1. What is the first thing the family does when they get up in the morning?

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- 2. T or F? There are many religions in Ghana.
- 3. T or F? Many people in Africa die from cholera.
- 4. T or F? Ghana was the first country in Africa to become independent from a European country.
- 5. T or F? Food is inexpensive in Ghana.
- 6. What chores does he do when he gets home from school?
- 7. What does Emmanuel do at the funeral?
- 8. Why do people want unusually shaped coffins?
- 9. What are some of the coffins shaped like?
- 10.T or F? Art collectors from Europe by some coffins and put them in museums.
- 11. What is the last thing they do before going to bed?

Part 2: After Watching (HW: Write your answers.)

1. What was different, interesting, or surprising for you? For example, what do you think of the coffins they use? How does this compare to Japan? What happens to people after they die in Japan? (Write down at least 2 or 3 things.)

2. What are one or two things that are similar between the lives of Deborah and Emmanuel?

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- 3. Men in rural Ghana seem to be in the dominant social position. For example, if the husband likes fufu (plantain mush), his wife must make it, or he can divorce her.
 - a. What are some other things you saw or heard that show that men are in the dominant social position? (Who has more power? The men or women?) (See Questions A 7, A 9, A 17, A 18).

- b. What do you think of this? How does this compare to Japan?
- 4. Why do you think English is the official language of Ghana?

5. Would you like to visit Ghana someday? Why or why not? (Write down 2 or 3 reasons.)