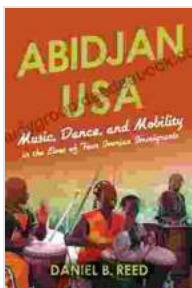


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In this article, we explore the role of music, dance, and mobility in the lives of four Ivorian immigrants in Africa. We examine how these elements shape their identities, connect them to their home country, and facilitate their integration into new communities.

The Importance of Music and Dance

Music and dance are deeply ingrained in Ivorian culture. They are used to celebrate important occasions, tell stories, and pass on traditions. For many Ivorians, music and dance are a way of life.

This is also true for the four Ivorian immigrants we interviewed for this article. All four of them said that music and dance were essential to their lives. They used music to express themselves, connect with their culture, and find community.

For example, one of the immigrants, a woman named Aïcha, said that she often sings and dances to traditional Ivorian music. She said that this helps her to feel connected to her home country and to remember her roots.

Another immigrant, a man named Karim, said that he plays the guitar and sings in a band. He said that this helps him to express himself creatively and to share his culture with others.

Music and Dance as a Way to Connect

In addition to providing a sense of identity, music and dance can also be a way to connect with others. This is especially important for immigrants, who may feel isolated or disconnected from their new communities.

The four Ivorian immigrants we interviewed all said that they had used music and dance to connect with other Ivorians in their new communities. They said that this had helped them to feel less isolated and more at home.

For example, Aïcha said that she often attends Ivorian dance classes. She said that this has helped her to meet other Ivorians and to learn more about

her culture.

Karim said that he often plays music with other Ivorian musicians. He said that this has helped him to build a sense of community and to share his love of music with others.

Music and Dance as a Way to Integrate

In addition to providing a sense of identity and connection, music and dance can also be a way to integrate into new communities. This is because music and dance are universal languages that can be understood and enjoyed by people of all cultures.

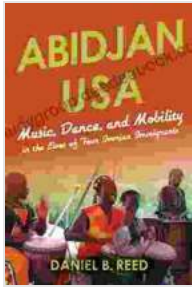
The four Ivorian immigrants we interviewed all said that they had used music and dance to integrate into their new communities. They said that this had helped them to make friends, learn new languages, and understand different cultures.

For example, Aïcha said that she often teaches Ivorian dance to non-Ivorian students. She said that this has helped her to share her culture with others and to build bridges between different communities.

Karim said that he often plays music with non-Ivorian musicians. He said that this has helped him to learn about other cultures and to build friendships with people from all walks of life.

Music, dance, and mobility are essential to the lives of many immigrants, including the four Ivorian immigrants we interviewed for this article. These elements provide a sense of identity, connection, and community, and they can also facilitate integration into new communities.

The stories of these four immigrants show that music, dance, and mobility can be powerful forces for good in the lives of immigrants. These elements can help immigrants to feel more connected to their home countries, to build new communities, and to integrate into their new societies.



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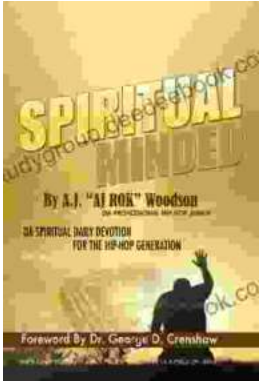
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