

Defining the Caribbean

What is the Caribbean?

The Caribbean can be defined based on its geography, geology, history, politics and diaspora. All Caribbean territories have similar elements that have helped to shape how they are today. These elements, as previously named, are so profound that a Caribbean territory can easily be identified by foreigners. These elements will be explained and explored in defining the Caribbean.

The Caribbean territories share more than just the Caribbean Sea!!

The document below explains in details several definitions of the Caribbean.

<https://www.slideshare.net/egfred/location-of-the-caribbean-6th-form?ref=https://notesmaster.com/en/group/caribbean/1556-cape-covid19-support/24386-defining-the-caribbean>

What is the Caribbean Diaspora??

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bnizsn7pdW0&feature=emb_logo

The Caribbean diaspora are Caribbean communities that are located outside of the region. The diaspora are largely located in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom are not limited to those only. There are a growing number of diasporic communities in Japan, France and even Germany. Persons in the diaspora still identify themselves as Caribbean nationals and still practice some, if not all, of their native traditions and culture. The Caribbean diaspora has been growing since the mid-twentieth century. The reason for the migration to other countries varies from job, education, among other opportunities.

Recap Activity

1. How has history helped to shape the Caribbean's political systems?
2. What geological features are used to identify the Caribbean?
3. Why are nationals still considered to be a part of the Caribbean even though they are living outside the region?