

**LEARNING CIRCLE PROJECT  
PLACES AND PERSPECTIVES (PPM1)  
“DIVERSITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY”**

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At Trinity, there are different types of religions, races, and genders

In Austin, people eat different kinds of foods, are of different races, and there are different places for people to practice their religious and beliefs. The University of Texas' largest campus is in Austin. Many different types of people may go to school or work there. Austin's motto is "Keep Austin Weird!" Austin celebrates people's differences!

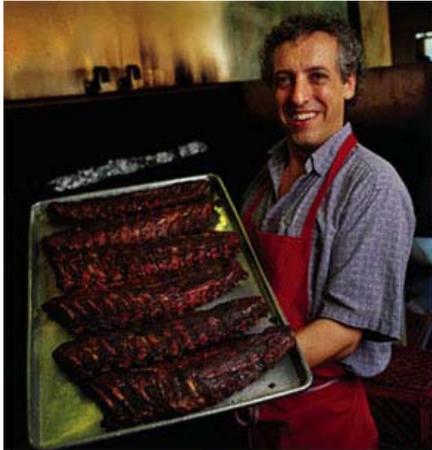
In Austin, the main ethnic groups are white, Mexican American, and African American. There are also Asian, Indian, and Arab populations.



In Austin, there are some small hills and there is a lake (Lake Travis). It is pretty similar to the rest of Texas, but there aren't lakes in the middle of every city. There are also a lot of trees in Austin. Austin gets less than average amount of rainfall. Sometimes we can have very bad rainstorms with hail and strong winds.



Austin's diverse culture is represented by having different types of restaurants, especially Tex-Mex. Also, Austin is known as "the live music capital of the world," so you can experience lots of different types of music. At school, we learn about different cultural celebrations and sing many different types of music. In chapel, we will sing songs in other languages, like Hebrew and Zulu. Students at Trinity participated in a march downtown in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this year. We also have Reach Out Day, where each grade helps organizations and people in the community. A lot of the music in Austin is country or folk. There are rodeos sometimes.



## QATAR ACADEMY DOHA, QATAR

Qatar Academy is situated in Doha, Qatar. The majority of the kids are from the Middle East. Three quarters of them are related to the King and Queen of Qatar, some how. The rest of them are from a number of countries. Russia, Scotland, Canada, France, Northern America, Philippines, China, Australia, Spain, and South-Africa are just a few of these countries.

Our school is very accepting towards racial and cultural differences, because there are so many who have a different culture. Once a year, we have international day. This is meant to show what kinds of customs we have in our within different countries.



My name is Saleh Al Tamimi. I am an American Qatari, so I know how it's like in America. We have over 60 students from different countries in our school. The Elementary QA and Junior/High QA have a day in the year called International Day. On this day, you dress up as an assigned country. On that day, we will have an assembly and we can all see the countries clothing.

During November-December, we have a Challenge Day in Junior/High. There is a large billboard of countries. If you are a country, you are on a team trying to win the championship. Because one of the largest events in the Middle East was about to begin (The 14<sup>th</sup> Asian Games), we had the Challenge Day the QA Asian Games. All our teams came from Asia. We played sports that we have never heard about. Like Sepaktrawa, Volleyball but with your feet. We also played Kabbadi, which is like Flag Football and Capture the Flag mixed.

Our whole country is desert. The only thing you can do to get out of the desert is to go to a mall, or stay at home. Although it seems boring, you can go hunting for desert roses. Desert roses come at the start of spring. If you don't hurry, you may not get some that year.

We listen to Arabic Music. Arabic music is usually played with a drum, bongos, a tambourine, and a one-stringed violin. In our culture, you also dance with swords. It may sound dangerous, but we always s put it up and the dancing is choreography at most.

Saleh Al Tamimi



THE WESTERLY SCHOOL  
LONG BEACH, CA

Diversity

By: Meryl Press

*Diversity* is represented in many ways, in many places, in many states. The way diversity is represented in my school is in culture; many people from my school (including me) speak different languages, eat different food, and have different religions. Some people speak Spanish, some people speak Yiddish, some people speak French, some people speak in Hebrew, some people speak in Russian, some people speak in German, and many other languages. People in my school eat different types of food. Like for me (my family is Russian) we eat Russian food like for instance, kalbaska, we also eat perashki, and many other types of food.



Russian Cuisine!

Some people from Germany eat German food like for instance sausages (people eat sausages In America, just in Germany they are much more delicious), they also eat sour crow, and many other types of food. There are many different types of religion. Some types of religion is Jewish, Christianity, Catholic, and many more.

Diversity is represented in my town in the way of there are many people, from many different places, and many different type of languages that people speak, and many different dances from different places. In my town (Long Beach) there are many buildings, there are hills, and on those hills there are houses. My city is not a very nature city, but more of a city, city.

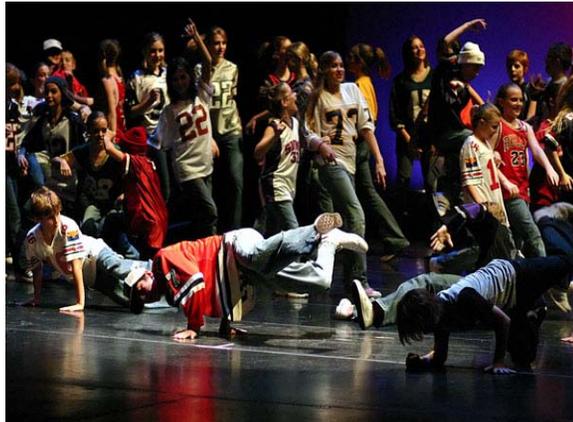
In my city, we listen to more rap, and hip hop. In my city, we celebrate New years, Martin Luther king junior day, Valentines day, Easter, Abraham Lincoln's birthday, President's day, George Washington's birthday, Saint Patrick's day, Arbor day, Earth day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, April Fools, Cinco De Mayo, Flag Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

Mr. Luther King Junior was the person who led boycotts in the 50's and 60's to end racism and discrimination against people, no matter what there color is. In my town and in America, many people listen to rap and hip hop. Hip hop is a type of style, dance, and rap.

ALL PEOPLE DESERVE TO BE ACCEPTED IN THIS LIFE. NO MATTER WHAT SKIN TONE, WHAT RACE, WHAT RELIGION, AND WHAT PLACE. WE ARE ALL EQUAL AND SPECIAL IN OUR OWN WAYS.

\*Meryl Press

Here is a collage of diversity.



Here is a picture of people dancing hip hop!



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr!



German sauerkraut with sausages!



Sorry that this is a blurry picture, but it is a picture of the seventh graders that go to my school, on a trip to Yosemite. (I am in sixth grade sadly).

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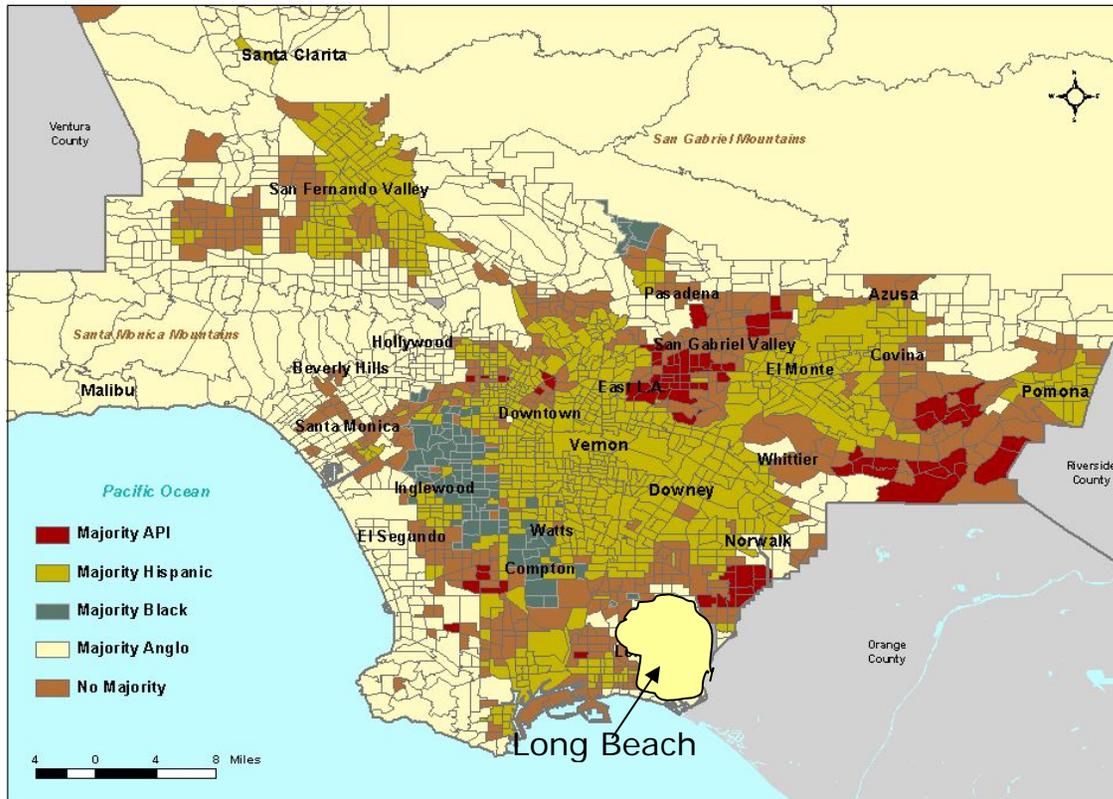
This is the Hebrew language! My friend in the sixth grade can speak Hebrew!



This is a picture of the Eiffel Tower!

## Diversity by Sean Coats

### Los Angeles County: Racial/Ethnic Diversity 2000



Data Assembled by Michela Zonta and Paul Ong, UCLA Lewis Center for Regional Policy Studies

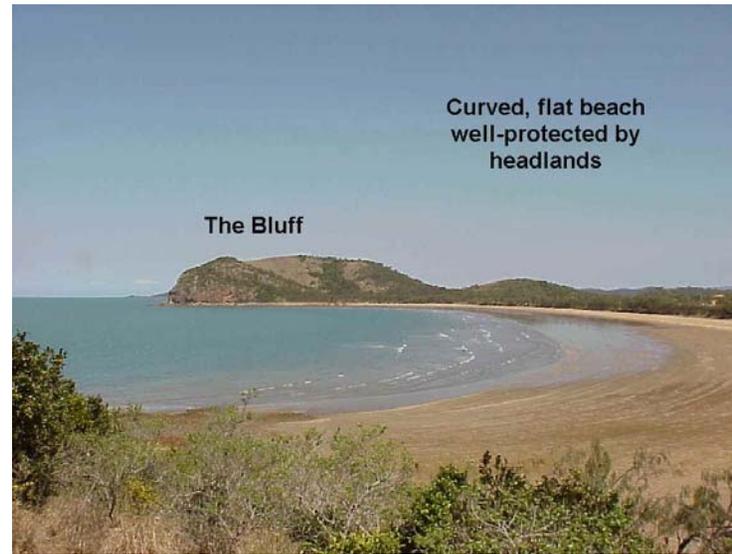
This map shows the ethnic diversity in Los Angeles county. I highlighted the area that I live in, and go to school in. California is 49% White, 32% Hispanic, 9% Asian/Pacific Islander, 8% Black, 1% Native American. As of 2000 Long Beach was 50.9% Female and 49.1% Male. Also it was 45.2% White, 14.9% Black, 12% Asian, and 0.8% American Indian and Alaskan. Another tradition is the Long Beach Grand Prix.

## Long Beach's Diverse Community by Kiki and Sarah



- Long beach's geography is well balanced it includes hills, valleys, oceans, rivers, and flat lands.

- If you think about Long Beach you might think of surfing and getting a tan but there is more to Long Beach than just that.



### The People of Long Beach

- Long Beach has many different people for example we have Mexicans, Vietnamese, Asians, and Caucasians.





- Long Beach is located very close to Los Angeles. Long beach is the 34th largest city in America. Also, The port of Long Beach is one of the largest ports in the world.
- Westerly is a small school with 150 students. We hold talent shows 4 times a year. Unlike some schools Westerly is open to any religion or culture. One of the cool things about Westerly is that we have a championship football game students vs. teachers called the Turkey bowl. Westerly school of Long Beach has lots of types of people. We have lots of different religions in our school. Kids are free to believe what they want at this school unlike other schools in Long Beach.
- There is also a championship for volley ball, soft ball, football, and soccer.
- The area Westerly sits on used to be a dumping area for trash – it was the site where the debris from an earthquake in the 1930s was stored. Then Westerly was born.
- The place Westerly is located is right behind a freeway. The reason for this is the people who made it wanted it to be a small school with not a lot of children.
- Our school has Instrumental, Music, Art, Spanish, and possibly PE, we also have grass. Our school is a private school. Other schools are public.
- We have Native Americans, Mexicans, Asians, Puerto Ricans, Vietnamese Americans, and lots of other people in Long Beach.
- Long Beach is a very large place, it is the 34th largest city in the United States of America.
- The port of Long Beach is the biggest shipping ports in the world.
- It also has the largest oil industry.

WOODSFIELD ELEMENTARY  
WOODSFIELD, OHIO, USA

Dylan: Food is diverse where I live. There are all different kinds of food where I live. There is Italian food where I live. A big Italian food where I live is pizza. Some restaurants where I live are pizza restaurants. Other restaurants are restaurants that have a lot of different foods. We also have a restaurant with Chinese food. Some things that I have for dinner are spaghetti, hamburgers, hot dogs, and pork. There are Amish where I live and they grow vegetables. They also sell food. Food is diversity where I live because different people like different food.



Kordell: Our county is mainly Caucasian, but there are Japanese, Chinese, and Korean people. We have all three in our school. However, our school is less than 5% minority. I have two friends that are Japanese and one that is Korean. We also have African Americans. I have about five to six friends who are African Americans. We also have a Chinese restaurant that is owned by Chinese people who came about three or four years ago.

Jesse: There are many physical features in my area such as the Ohio River that forms the southeast border of Ohio. We have many valleys of all shapes and size. As a matter a fact every student in my class lives in an area known as the Ohio Valley. My community is in the Foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. Woodsfield, my hometown is a very small town about the size of a large collage campus.



Jimmy: There are not many different religions in Monroe County. Almost everyone is a Christian. There are many different kinds of Christianity. There is Catholic, Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Church of Christ. I'm a Methodist.

The main differences in the churches are the Hymnals. Hymnals are books that have Christian religious songs. They also call their preachers by different names, such as priest, pastors, and reverends.



This is the Baptist church beside our school.

Zac: I am going to talk to you about gender in Monroe County. In our county, males and females can have the same jobs as each other. However, there are some places where gender differences show. Cooks in our school are all female. The

office workers in our school are also females. (Except for the principal). Genders in sports are different too. There is only a girls' volleyball team and an all boys' football team. There is a boy-girl soccer and wrestling team.