

The Dancing Granny
Retold and Illustrated by Ashley Bryan

Summary: In celebration of St. Kitts and Nevis, Ashley Bryan brings the fun-loving character of Granny to life with flowing sketches and lyrical text.

Vocabulary:

calabash	rhythm	vibration	cartwheel
provisions	prefer	loafing	strut
wheel	ravished	resist	

Before Reading Activities:

1. Locate St. Kitts and Nevis on a map and identify the surrounding ocean.
2. Distribute vocabulary crosswords and let students begin solving them independently to demonstrate current knowledge of the terms. After an appropriate amount of independent work time, hand out student glossaries and correct as a class, taking the time to have students contribute sample oral sentences to further demonstrate their competence with the story terms.
3. Assign buddy reading of the story.

After Reading Activities:

1. Gather together as a group and read story aloud.
2. Assign comprehension matching sheet provided with the unit.
3. Student-created extra-large book posters on brown craft paper with charcoal sketching. This combination of materials will honor the illustration style of the book. Finished pieces should be sprayed with canned hairspray to prevent smudging.
4. Written retellings of the story.

Extension and Integration Ideas:

1. Have students work in pairs to create their own tunes and dances for the story songs.
2. Explore other Caribbean folklore.