

What is KENTE cloth ?

The markets of Ghana are a great place to find Africa's famous *Kente* cloth. You have probably seen this colorful cloth many times before, but did you know how important it is to the African culture? *Kente* cloth is made from threads of different colors. Each color represents important African ideals and feelings. *Kente* cloth was named from the word "kenten," which means "basket," because of its similarity to the woven design of a basket. For over 700 years, kings and queens of Ghana have worn *Kente* cloth during big events and ceremonies. Today, *Kente* cloth is still worn as a way to celebrate African heritage and customs.

Think about things you wear or occasions you celebrate with your family to honor your heritage and culture. Write a story about a special tradition you have!

FIND IT!

Look for different patterns of Kente Cloth in the exhibit today and check to see what African ideas and values are represented by those colors.

Red – Life (and Blood)

Blue – Innocence

Green – Mother Earth

Black – People and Unity

Gold – Strength and Fortune

HUGH WILLIAMS: THE MARKET OF KUMASI

FAMILY GUIDE

HEY KIDS!

Welcome to ***The Market of Kumasi*** !

This exhibit has great paintings, drawings, and sculptures by an artist from the nearby city of Auburn, Alabama. Hugh Williams traveled to the continent of Africa and was inspired by the market scenes in and around the country of Ghana. He created beautiful works of art from the colorful and exciting environments of Ghana's marketplace and people. Try to imagine the hustle and bustle of the African market as you walk through the exhibit today!

Where in the world is **GHANA** ?



Hugh Williams traveled all the way from Alabama to Ghana to get the inspiration for the works in this exhibit. Ghana is almost **6000** miles away! That is like driving from here to Atlanta **60** times.

GHANA'S MARKETS

Ghana is famous for its bright and energetic markets. African life revolves around the rich culture and customs of these markets. They are not just for shopping, but are a great place to chat and visit with friends and family. In addition to the items you might expect in any market, like fruits, vegetables, meat and fish, African markets also offer services like jewelry makers, hair dressers, tailors, copy services, and many other things.

I Spy...

Can you find the items listed below in the paintings and mural in this exhibit? Check the box next to the item when you find it!

Hint: some of the items are not where you would expect to find them!

- Kente cloth
- spoons
- safety pins
- shoes
- a CD
- a mirror
- Mardi Gras beads
- Mickey Mouse
- plastic christmas lights
- tennis net
- a wolf
- bottle caps
- Brillo pads

Find William Christenberry's *Columbus Wall* in the 3rd floor Callaway Gallery to see how another artist used everyday household objects in his work!