# Culture and Childhood

Perspectives from Jamaican Schools and Classrooms

# Culture

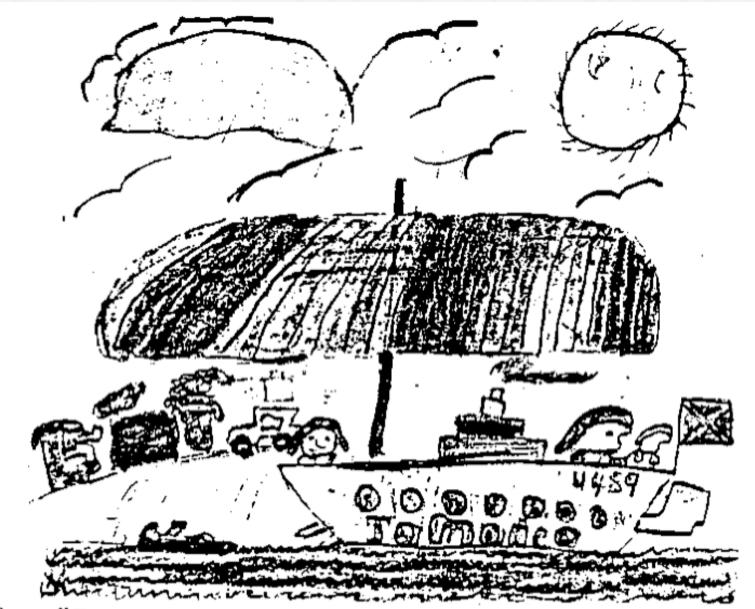
- systems of agreed-upon, shared meanings
- patterns of behavior, customs, beliefs
- mental map of how world works
- learned

## Socialization / Enculturation

- process by which culture is acquired
- begins at birth
- children have no choice

# Cultural transmission

- implicit, pervasive process
- lifelong process
- culture is transmitted through symbols, language, art, myth, media, ritual, and experience
- social institutions play central role



This picture is about the tourist cruising around the world, people selling things, tourist floating on a floater and reading and some people look in the water."
(Small, tourism-area school.)

























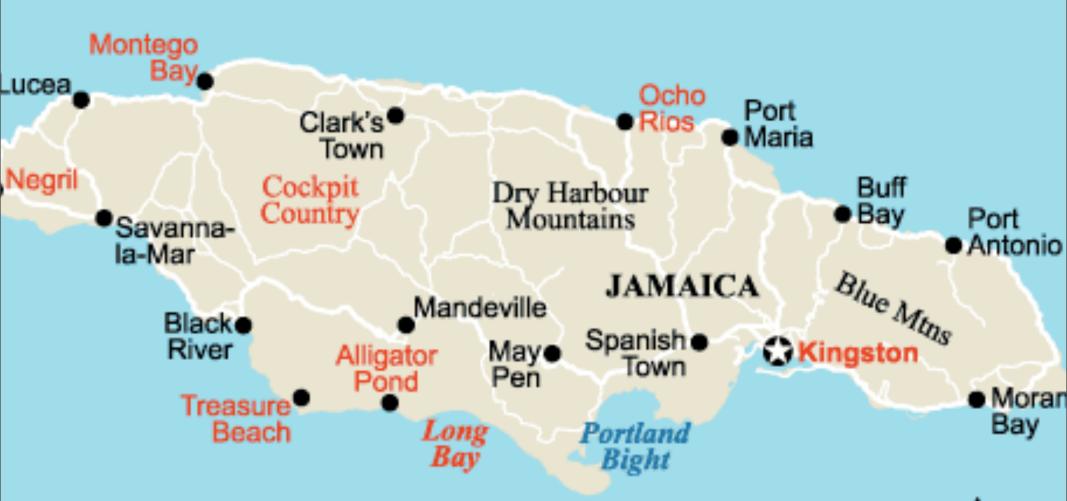


# Jamaican Schools

- Tourism area schools (ST, LT)
- Rural schools (SR, LR)
- Mixed economy school (MC)
- Elite Prep Academy (EP)

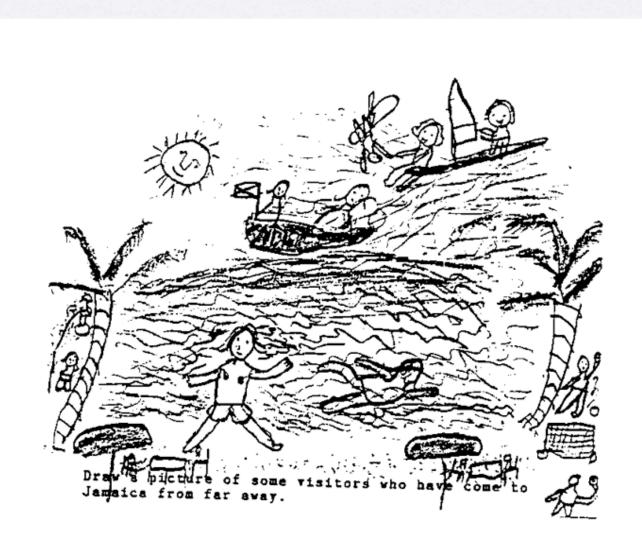
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# Tourism Area Schools









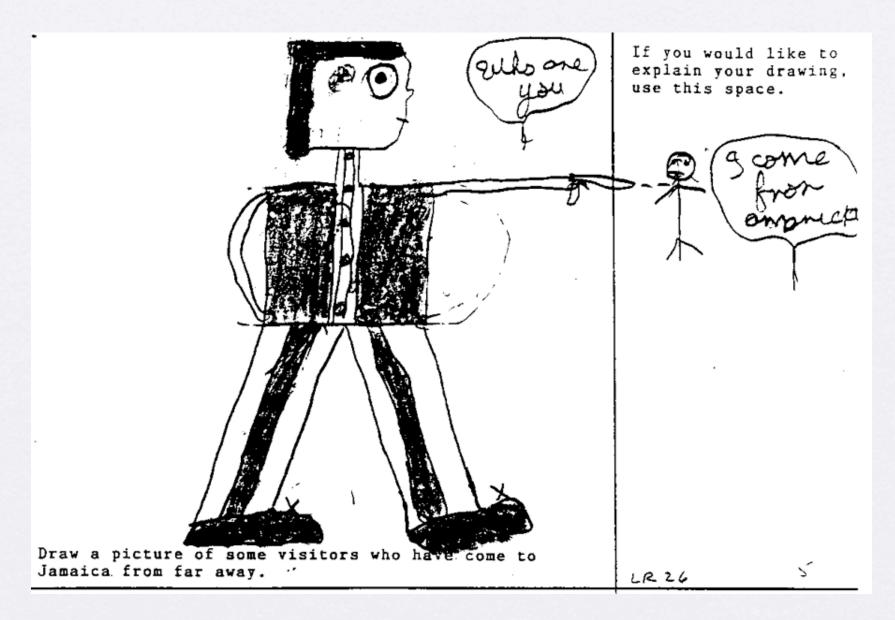








# Rural Area Schools





















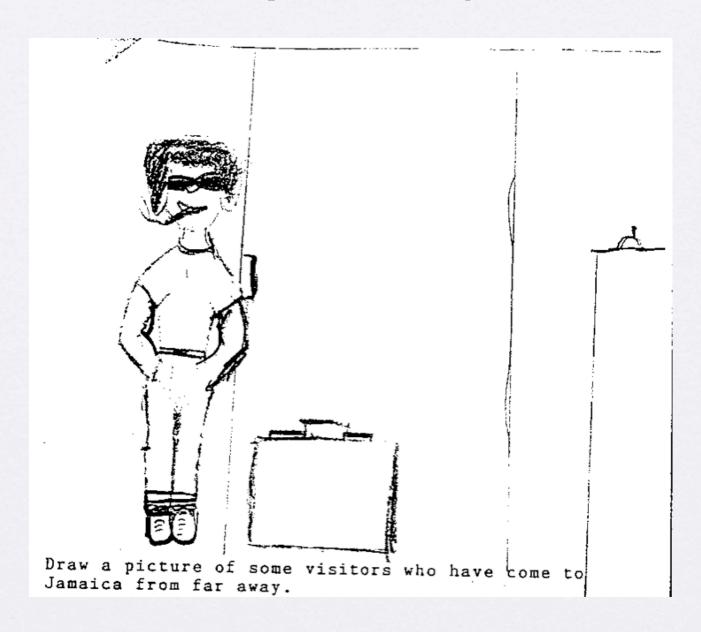




## Elite Preparatory School



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## Classroom material culture

- Objects and how they are arranged
- How do objects and spatial configurations express cultural values and beliefs?
- What patterns are expressed in the "symbolic content" of classroom materials?

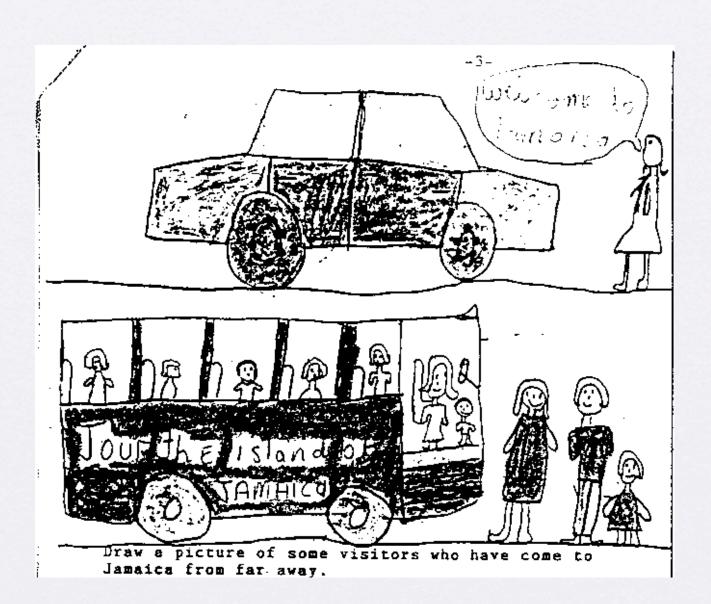


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