

READ THE TEXT AND COMPLETE THE ACTIVITIES:

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

Actor and writer Danai Gurira knows two cultures very well: Zimbabwe—a country in Africa—and the United States. “When I moved to Africa as a girl,” she says, “I thought I was American. Then when I came back, I realized how African I was.” Both countries are home for Danai, and both are an important part of who she is—and where she’s from. What’s special about Zimbabwe? “Zimbabweans are interesting,” she says, because of “influences from the British and all over the world, plus our own.” Danai believes that when cultures mix in this way, it’s good for people and helps them to grow. Zimbabwe also has great places to visit, Danai says. When she was a child, her family often went on vacation to Victoria Falls and the Hwange National Park area, “an amazing place” for seeing wild animals. “The Mana Pools hot springs are gorgeous,” she adds. Danai also recommends the Eastern Highlands, a popular place for outdoor activities like hiking and golf. Her advice for visitors to Africa? Learn about the way local people live. “Do a lot of research. Meet people from the place; let them guide you.”

DANAI GURIRA FACTS

- Born in Iowa, U.S.A.
- Grew up in Africa—in Harare, the capital city of Zimbabwe
- Moved back to the U.S.A.; studied acting in New York City
- Lives in Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- Speaks English, French, and two languages from Zimbabwe: Shona and Xhosa
- Has written plays and starred in movies, including Marvel’s Black Panther

I.- CHOOSE THE BEST OPTION TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION:

1. Which two cultures does Danai Gurira know very well?

- a) Zimbabwe and Canada
- b) Zimbabwe and the United States
- c) Zimbabwe and Britain
- d) Zimbabwe and France

2. How did Danai feel about her identity when she moved to Africa as a girl?

- a) She thought she was American.
- b) She thought she was African.

- c) She was confused about her identity.
- d) She didn't care about her identity.

3. What does Danai believe about cultures mixing?

- a) It creates confusion.
- b) It is bad for people.
- c) It helps people grow.
- d) It makes people lose their identity.

4. What are some places in Zimbabwe that Danai recommends visiting?

- a) The Great Wall and Victoria Harbour
- b) Victoria Falls and Hwange National Park
- c) Mount Kilimanjaro and Serengeti National Park
- d) Kruger National Park and Cape Town

5. What activities does Danai mention can be enjoyed in the Eastern Highlands?

- a) Skiing and surfing
- b) Hiking and golf
- c) Swimming and diving
- d) Cycling and fishing

6. What advice does Danai give to visitors to Africa?

- a) Stay in luxury hotels.
- b) Learn about the way local people live.
- c) Only visit popular tourist attractions.
- d) Avoid talking to local people.

7. Where was Danai Gurira born?

- a) Harare, Zimbabwe
- b) Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- c) Iowa, U.S.A.
- d) New York City, U.S.A.

8. In which city did Danai grow up?

- a) New York City, U.S.A.
- b) Harare, Zimbabwe
- c) Los Angeles, U.S.A.
- d) Paris, France

9. Where did Danai study acting?

- a) London
- b) Harare
- c) New York City
- d) Los Angeles

10. Which languages does Danai Gurira speak?

- a) English, Spanish, Shona, and Xhosa
- b) English, French, Shona, and Xhosa
- c) English, French, Swahili, and Xhosa
- d) English, German, Shona, and Xhosa

11. In which city does Danai currently live?

- a) Harare, Zimbabwe
- b) New York City, U.S.A.
- c) Iowa, U.S.A.
- d) Los Angeles, U.S.A.

12. Which famous movie has Danai starred in?

- a) Titanic
- b) Black Panther
- c) The Lion King
- d) Harry Potter

II.-COMPLETE THE SENTENCES WITH THE WORDS GIVEN

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- 1.- The beaches in my country are _____. Tourists love to go there.
- 2.- _____ people know the best restaurants where tourists don't go.
- 3.- In my town, there are _____ from countries around the world.
- 4.- I would love to _____ visitors from other countries around my town.