

COLOMBIAN DANCE AND MUSIC

Looking at the African Influence in Colombian Musi—Cumbia

¡Cumbia!



Here in Cartagena, on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, there is a huge African influence.

One form is Cumbia. Cumbia is a complex, rhythmic music that arose on Colombia's Atlantic coast. In its original form, cumbia bands included only percussion and vocals.

Can you find Cartagena?



Look at the outfits these
traditional Cumbia dancers are
wearing....

What do you notice?



Let's look at some Traditional Cumbia Dancers...







WHAT DO YOU NOTICE?



Let's look at the Music behind Cumbia



WHAT INSTRUMENTS DO YOU SEE?



What do you notice about Colombia's Caribbean Coastal Music, Cumbia?

Think of at least three things...