

Discover Nigeria: The Giant of Africa

Materials Needed:

- World map or globe (physical or digital like Google Maps)
- Blank paper (A4 or larger)
- Drawing materials (crayons, markers, colored pencils)
- A small box or bag for the "Mystery Clues" hook
- Slips of paper with clues written on them (see Introduction)
- Optional: Computer or tablet with internet access for viewing images or short video clips about Nigeria

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this lesson, you will be able to:

- Locate Nigeria and its capital, Abuja, on a map.
- Describe at least three key facts about Nigeria's culture and population.
- Creatively explain the importance of one Nigerian fact through a hands-on project.

Lesson Plan

Part 1: Introduction (10 minutes)

Hook: Mystery Country Clues!

Facilitator Script: "We're going on an adventure today to learn about a fascinating country! But first, you have to guess which one it is. Inside this mystery box are three clues. Let's read them one by one and see if you can figure it out."

1. Pull out Clue #1: "This country's movie industry is nicknamed 'Nollywood' and makes more movies than Hollywood in the USA!"
2. Pull out Clue #2: "This country is located in West Africa and is often called the 'Giant of Africa' because it has the largest population on the entire continent."
3. Pull out Clue #3: "In this one country, people speak over 500 different languages!"

After the learner guesses (or you reveal the answer), say: "That's right, it's **Nigeria**! Today, we are going to become experts on this incredible country."

State the Objectives:

Facilitator Script: "By the end of our lesson today, you'll be able to find Nigeria on a map, tell me three amazing things about it, and even design your own movie poster based on what you learned!"

Part 2: Body of the Lesson (30 minutes)

I DO: Exploring the Facts (10 minutes)

Facilitator Script: "Let's dive into these facts. I'm going to show you where Nigeria is and tell you a bit

more about what makes it so special."

1. **Where is Nigeria?**

Use a map or globe. "Here is the continent of Africa. Nigeria is right here in West Africa, on the coast of the Atlantic Ocean. Its capital city is Abuja. See if you can put your finger on it."

2. **Fact #1: The Giant of Africa**

"Remember the clue about the 'Giant of Africa'? That's because over 200 million people live there! That's like taking the entire populations of Germany, the United Kingdom, and France and putting them all in one country. It has more people than any other country in Africa."

3. **Fact #2: Nollywood Power!**

"The Nigerian movie industry, called Nollywood, is the second-largest in the world by the number of movies it makes. They tell amazing stories about Nigerian life, history, and comedy. It's a huge part of their culture that they share with the world."

4. **Fact #3: A Land of Many Tongues**

"Imagine if, in your town, the people on one street spoke a completely different language from the people on the next street. In Nigeria, there are over 500 languages! While the official language is English, most people also speak their own local language, which belongs to their ethnic group. This means Nigeria is one of the most culturally diverse places on Earth."

WE DO: Guided Practice & Discussion (10 minutes)

Facilitator Script: "Now let's think about these facts together."

- **Map Detectives:** "Using the map, can you show me Nigeria again? What ocean does it border? Can you find a country that is a neighbor to Nigeria?"
- **Think & Discuss:** Ask questions to connect the facts to the learner's understanding.
 - "Why do you think having so many languages in one country could be both exciting and challenging?"
 - "If you were to make a Nollywood movie, what kind of story would you want to tell about Nigeria?"
 - "What does the nickname 'Giant of Africa' tell you about Nigeria's importance on the continent?"

YOU DO: Independent Practice - Design a Nollywood Movie Poster (10 minutes)

Facilitator Script: "It's your turn to be creative! You are a famous Nollywood director, and you're making a new movie inspired by one of the facts we learned today. Your job is to create the movie poster for it."

Instructions:

1. Choose ONE of the facts about Nigeria: The huge population, Nollywood, or the 500+ languages.
2. Create a movie title that fits your chosen fact. (e.g., "The Giant Awakens," "Lagos Language Swap," or "Nollywood Dreams").
3. Draw a main picture for your poster that shows what the movie is about.
4. Write a short sentence at the bottom that tells people why they should see your movie (a tagline).

Success Criteria (What a great poster looks like):

- [] Has a clear, creative movie title.
- [] The main drawing clearly relates to a fact about Nigeria.
- [] Includes a catchy tagline.

- [] Is colorful and neat.

Part 3: Conclusion (5 minutes)

Share and Recap

Facilitator Script: "Welcome to the movie premiere! Please present your movie poster. Tell us the title of your movie and which fact about Nigeria inspired it."

Allow the learner to share their work and explain their creative choices. Give specific, positive feedback. ("I love how you used different colors to show all the languages!")

Closing: Three Things

Facilitator Script: "Great job today! To wrap up our trip to Nigeria, tell me the three most interesting things you will remember about the Giant of Africa." (This serves as a final check for understanding and reinforces the key learning points).

Differentiation & Extension

For Learners Needing More Support:

- Provide a simple poster template with boxes for the "Title," "Picture," and "Tagline."
- Brainstorm movie title ideas together before they start drawing.
- Offer sentence starters for the presentation, such as "My movie is called... and it is about the fact that Nigeria has..."

For Learners Seeking a Challenge:

- **Be a Critic:** Have them write a one-paragraph "review" of their movie, explaining the plot in more detail.
- **Cultural Deep Dive:** Challenge them to research another aspect of Nigerian culture (like Jollof rice, Afrobeats music, or traditional clothing) and add one more fact to their presentation.
- **Comparative Analysis:** Ask them to create a small chart comparing Nigeria to their own country based on population, main language, and size.