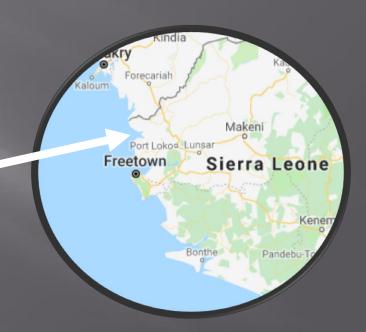


The Gateway Primary School



Where is Sierra Leone?

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Thorpe to Sierra Leone



Sierra Leone

- Sierra Leone, was the departure point for thousands of West Africans who taken across the Atlantic to be slaves.
- The capital, Freetown, was founded as a home for former slaves in 1787... a Town for the Free people.
- SL was part of Britain but became an independent republic in 1961.

We looked at similarities and differences between the two schools.

What do you think?























Ebola virus

■ In 2014 the country was hit by the Ebola Virus, more than 11,000 people died and the country is still trying to recover.

Population

- Sierra Leone has a population of just over 7.5 million people. The average life expectancy is just 54 years' old
- Only 48% of the population over the age of 15 can read and write.
- English is the official language spoken at schools, government administration and in the media. Krio (a Creole language) is the most widely understood in virtually all parts of Sierra Leone.
- Only 2% of Sierra Leone's population are followers of the traditional African religions 21% are Christian and 77% are Muslim.

Economy

- Over 70 per cent of Sierra Leoneans live on less than £42 a month some earning only 3 pence an hour.
- Since the end of the civil war, outside assistance has helped Sierra Leone begin to recover. Fishing and tourism are becoming increasingly important.
- The currency is the Leone; at the time of writing (October 2018) £1 is worth over 11,655 Leones.

Let us pray

