

## Museum of Black Civilisations

Senegal is the home of a very famous new museum. President Macky Sall opened the Museum of Black Civilisations in Dakar in December 2018.

The museum tells the story of black people in Africa. It tells the long story of black people, from the beginning of history, to the modern day.

People have planned the museum for a long time, and the city is happy it is now open.

The opening party was at the Grand National Theatre in Dakar.

Many guests came to the opening party. The guests watched a fantastic show about black history. The show told stories about black heroes like Martin Luther King and Thomas Sankara.

The Museum of Black Civilisations tells the story of African people, cities, countries, artists and heroes.

The museum tells stories of African people and also people who left Africa and went to other countries. It tells the stories of people living in the Caribbean, and people living in Brazil.

The museum is very big and can hold more than 18,000 things to see. The museum has many things that show the history of Africa. The museum has art, pictures, writing, statues of people, and many things made by African people.

Many things from Africa are in museums in other countries. Some museums in France want to give things back to Africa. UNESCO wants other countries to give back their African things to the museum in Dakar.

UNESCO says the museum helps African children understand their history. It helps them remember the important things about their history and culture and art. It helps Africa to have a strong culture and identity.

The idea for the museum came from Senegalese President Senghor in 1966. The money for the museum came from partners in China. The partners paid more than 30 million euros to build the museum.

The museum is in Dakar and is open every day. The museum has visits from tourists from every country. It is a good reason to visit Dakar and Senegal.

### New words for this article

1	museum	a place to show things from history
2	statue	a model of a person, usually made of stone or metal
3	art	pictures and things created by artists
4	culture	the way of life of a people

### Comprehension questions

- 1 Where is the museum?
- 2 Where was the opening party?
- 3 What stories does the museum tell?
- 4 How many things are in the museum?
- 5 Who paid for the museum?

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*Questions de compréhension en lecture*  
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**Answers**