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## JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA: CULTURE – FLAMENCO Nela Veličková 8.D

Flamenco is a **music-dance** culture and current centre is Andalusia in the south of Spain. Flamenco came in the 15th century. In flamenco is mixed the Roma culture with Spanish culture, Indian culture, Jewish culture and Arab culture. The roots of flamenco, though somewhat mysterious, seem to lie in the Roma migration from northwest India to Spain between the 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> centuries. These migrants brought with them **musical** instruments, such as tambourines, bells,



and wooden castanets, and an extensive repertoire of songs and dances.

Flamenco dancers in Sevilla, Spain dance flamenco jondo (serious, deep), flamenco chico (light) and flamenco intermedio (medium).

The main disciplines are **singing**, **dancing**, **playing the guitar**, **clapping and playing the cajón**, **which is a wooden box** on which the player sits.

The dress on flamenco is typically **brightly coloured**, usually in black, red, white or either plain or patterned.

Famous flamenco dancer Belén Maya in the traditional dress. **Red** is often the colour of choice, representing **strength**, **bravery**, **vitality and passion** in flamenco style and sex appeal.



This dance, which is inspired by the Andalusian gypsy culture, is focused on evoking and communicating **passion**, **love**, **sadness**, **despair**, **joy**, and more. This Spanish dance is now recognized as **a symbol of Spain's identity** and it has spread to many different corners of the world.

**;Ole! or ;olé!** is a Spanish word used to cheer on or praise a performance, especially associated with the audience of bullfighting and flamenco dance.

One of the most unique aspects of Flamenco is its emphasis on improvisation. Dancers use a series of predetermined steps and movements, but

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they also improvise based on the music and their emotions. This allows each performance to be completely unique and authentic.

In October 2023 we were on school project in Spain in Jerez de La Frontera which is in the south-west of Spain. About 213,000 people live there. When we were in school IES Elena García Armanda, **they invited us to come and see some students dancing flamenco.** 

It was really cute and the **students were really talented**. I really liked it.







I hope I will come to Spain again. Adiós España / Goodbye Spain



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