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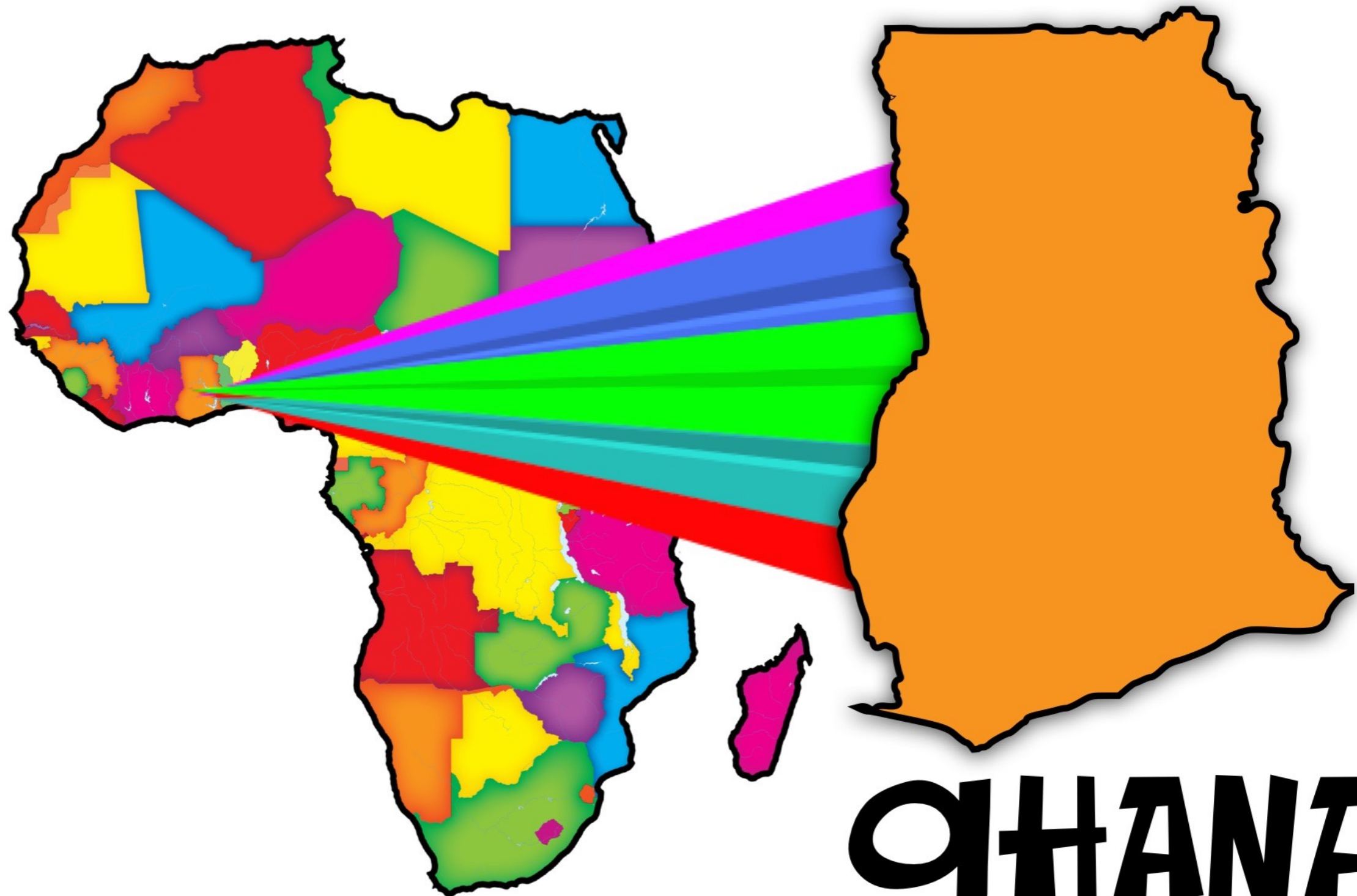
WHAT IS A FOLK SONG?

A folk song comes from a specific **REGIONAL** country, region, or area.

When it was first created, a folk song wasn't written down. It was passed from one singer to another. **ORAL TRADITION**

DIFFERENT VERSIONS Because the song was passed from one singer to another it would often change as different people sang the story in their own way.

THIS FOLK SONG COMES FROM



GHANA

SANSA KROMA

Sansa Kroma is a famous folk song from the Akan people in Ghana. The song has been around for many decades but was first written down and published in the year

1967

KROMA

is a word that means eagle or hawk. In this song we sing about a hawk that's flying around and the hawk is named "Sansa." That's why we say, "Sansa Kroma."

GHANA - THE COUNTRY



Ghana, officially called the Republic of Ghana, is a country located along the Gulf of Guinea and Atlantic Ocean, in the subregion of West Africa. There are eleven languages that have the status of government-sponsored languages: four are Akan ethnic languages, two are Mole-Dagbani ethnic languages, and the rest are Ewe, Dangme, Ga, Gonja, and Kasem.

WHERE is GHANA?



Ghana means "Warrior King" in the Soninke language.

Ghana is a country on the continent of Africa. It is bordered by the Ivory Coast in the west, Burkina Faso in the north, Togo in the east Atlantic Ocean in the south. Ghana has a population of approximately 27 million people.

VOCABULARY WORDS TO KNOW!

The Akan people are a historically important ethnic group of West Africa. With over 20 million members the Akans are one of the biggest Ethnic groups in West Africa today and are the largest ethnic group in both Ghana and the Ivory Coast. The Akan speak Kwa languages.

AKAN



SANSA KROMA - THE LEGEND



Sansa is a name and Kroma means Hawk or Eagle

One day Sansa Kroma was soaring high in the sky when she noticed a flock of orphaned eagle chicks. She hovered above them, then snatched them up and carried them back to her nest where she raised them as if they were her own.

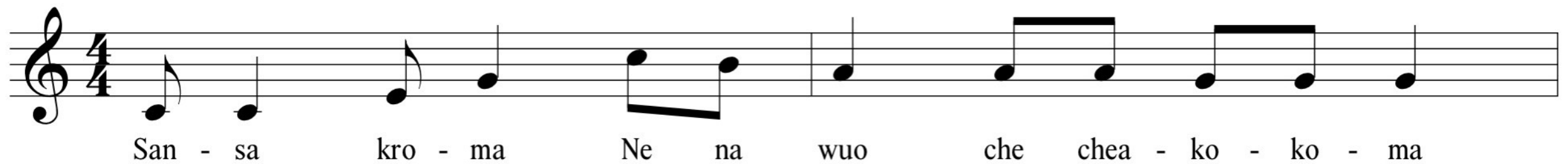
The moral of the song is, in African villages when a child is orphaned, someone in the village (if not the whole village) will provide for the child.

ROCK PASSING GAME

Everyone sits in a circle and each person has an object (often a rock). They tap it in front of them twice while singing, and then pass the object to the right. Then they repeat the actions. If you start with one rock it will slowly make its way around the circle. You can also play where everyone has a rock and each passes the whole time.



SANSA KROMA Music



SANSA KROMA TRANSLATION

Sansa Kroma
Ne na wuo
ɔkye kye nkokomba
ɔse ɔnnko ye edwuma
Ne na wuo
ɔkye kye nkokomba
ɔe kyin kyin, e kyin kyin,
ɔse ɔnnko ye edwuma
Ne na wuo ooo
Ne gya wuo ooo
Sansa Kroma
Ne na wuo
ɔkye kye nkokomba

Roaming hawk,
His mother is dead
He snatches chicks
He says he won't find a real job
His mother is dead
He snatches chicks
He roams, and roams,
He says he won't find a real job
His mother is dead
His father is dead
Roaming hawk,
His mother is dead
He snatches chicks.

MEDIA LINKS

CLICK HERE

Students singing Sansa Kroma with a cup passing game
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-Hib6V1vrKs>

CLICK HERE

Densu, Densu/Sasa Kroma
Ile-Ife Choral Society, in a Christmas Concert, at the Oduduwa Hall, Obafemi
Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria. Friday, December 18, 1992
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tlgf5a_woY

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Explanation of passing game and lesson plan for teachers!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WxlynGm1s-4>

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"Sansa Kroma" is traditionally performed as a children's rock passing game song.
Here's a video of Ghanaian children playing a rock passing game using flip flop
sandals as the objects that are passed around:
<https://youtu.be/VMMOW3myqUU>

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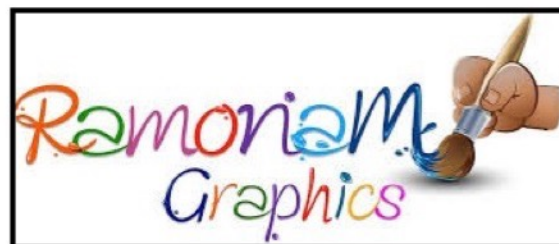
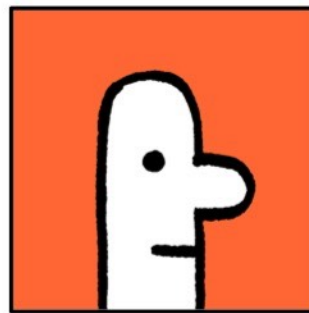
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AN AFRICAN FISH EAGLE IN FLIGHT

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