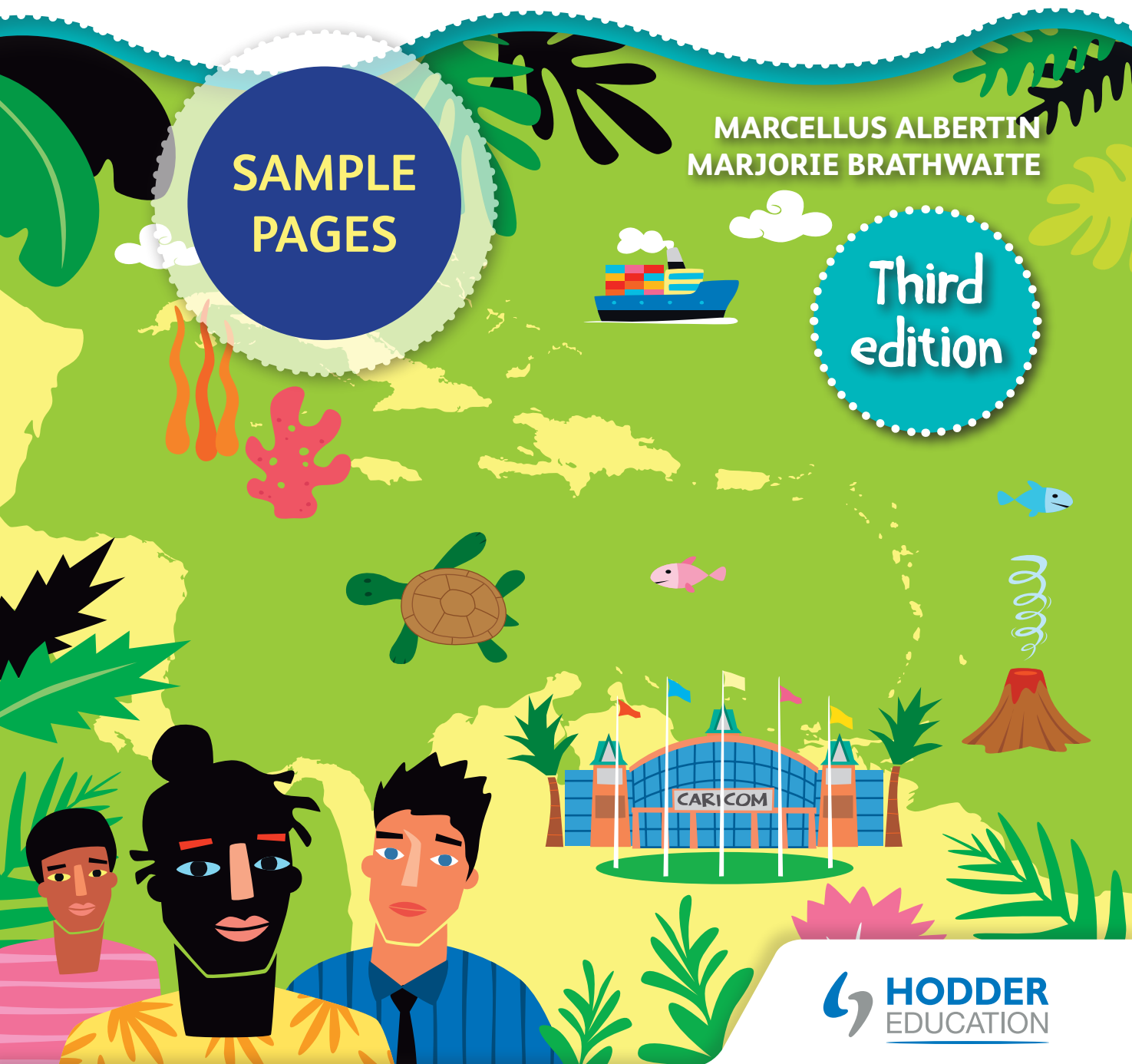


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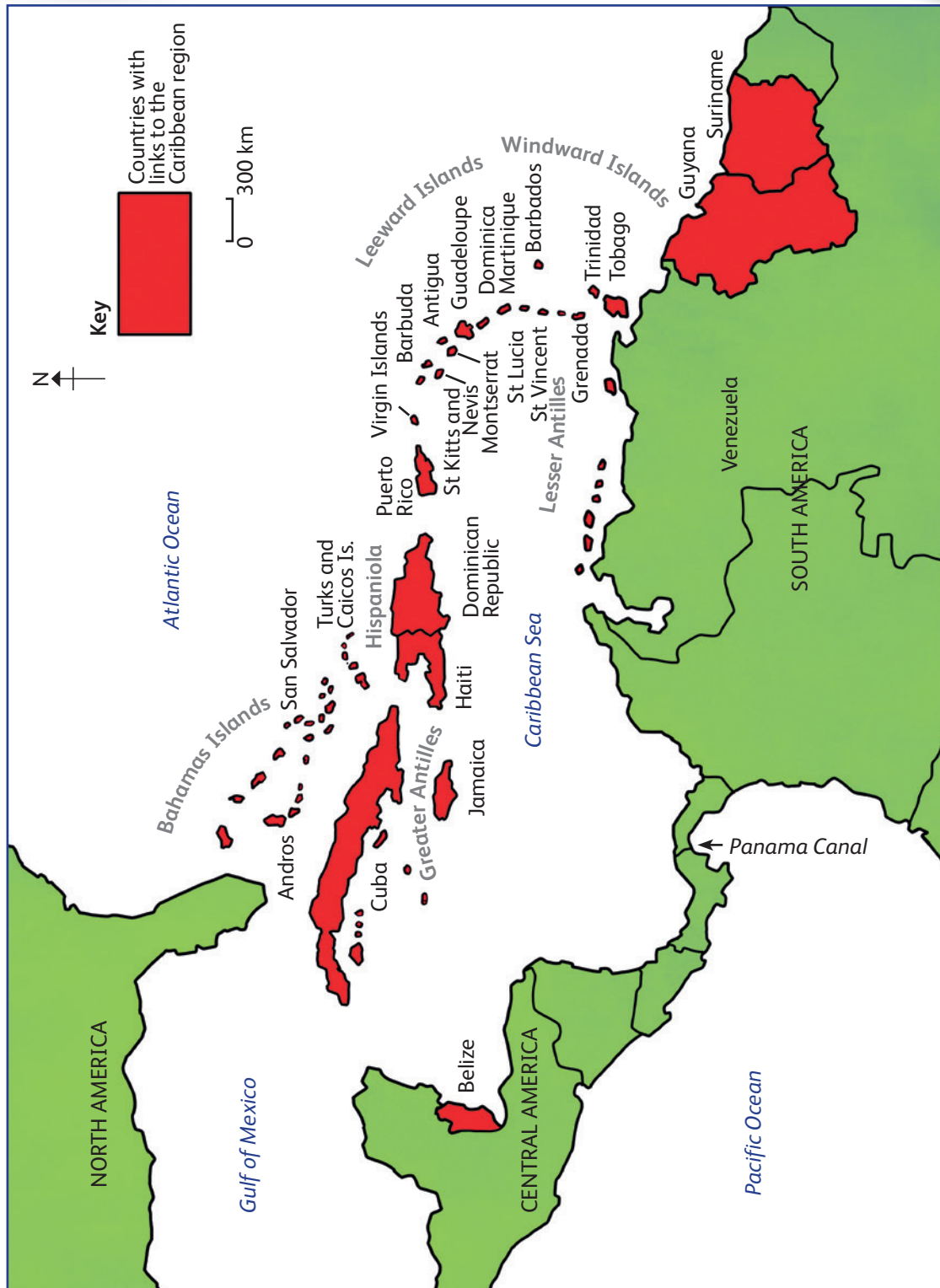
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Map of the Caribbean region

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The Caribbean people: who are we?



What will you learn?

When you have worked through this unit, you will know that:

- ★ people in the Caribbean belong to many different cultural groups
- ★ each Caribbean country has a different mix of cultural groups
- ★ the history of the Caribbean region tells us about our ancestors.



In Book 2, you learnt about the different groups of people that settled in our country. Are there any descendants of these people in your class?

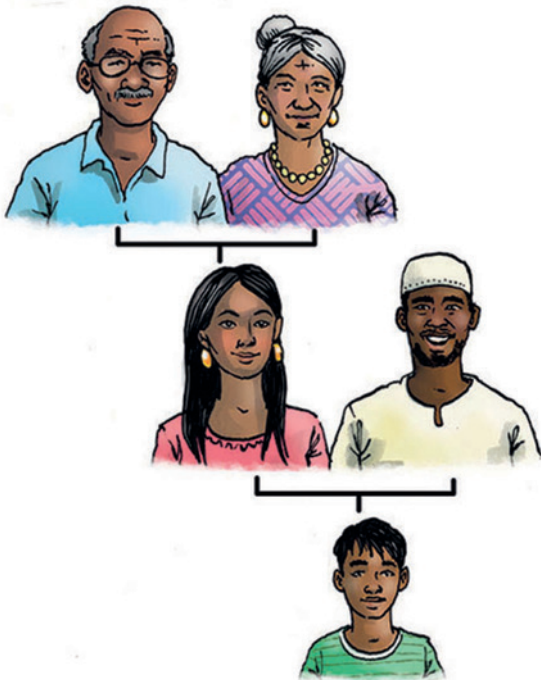
Look at the people in the photographs above. They all live in the Caribbean. Which groups of settlers do you think they are descended from? How can you tell?



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Mixed family groups

Many people living in the Caribbean today are descendants of people from more than one cultural group. Their ancestors belonged to different **ethnic groups**. Their ancestors also had their own beliefs and customs.



Look at Joe's family tree.
Talk about where his
ancestors came from.



Joe's grandfather is of African descent and his grandmother is Amerindian. So his mother is half-African and half-Amerindian. His father is a Muslim of African origin. Joe belongs to a family of mixed ethnic descent.

Activity time!



- 1 Find out more about your family. Ask your parents or grandparents about your family history. Which cultural group(s) are they descended from? Which part of the world did their ancestors come from? What is their religion? In your notebook, draw your own family tree.
- 2 How many people in your class belong to a family of mixed ethnic descent? What are their beliefs and customs?

Activity time!

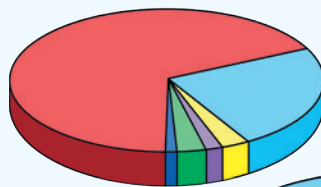


The pie charts below show which ethnic groups live in three Caribbean countries today. The key will help you to understand the pie charts.

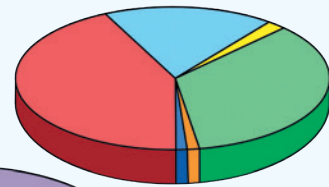
- 1 Which country has the largest group of East Indian descendants?
- 2 Which country has people belonging to six different cultural groups?
- 3 Which country has the largest group of Amerindians?
- 4 Which group is the largest in each of these countries?

Key

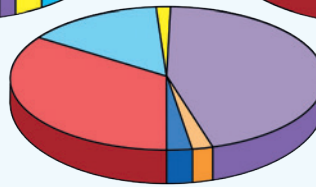
	Africans
	Mixed
	Europeans
	Amerindians
	East Indians
	Chinese
	Others



St Vincent and the Grenadines



Trinidad and Tobago



Belize

The different groups that moved to the Caribbean in the past settled in different countries in different numbers.

Each of the cultural groups in the Caribbean has its own customs and beliefs. Each group has its own way of life. Each cultural group, therefore, adds something different to the Caribbean. This makes life in the Caribbean varied and very special.



The Caribbean is sometimes described as a 'multi-cultural' region. Explain why this is so.

Points to remember

- ▶ People in the Caribbean today are the descendants of the groups of people who settled in the Caribbean in the past.
- ▶ There are several different cultural groups in the Caribbean.
- ▶ Many people in the Caribbean are descended from people of more than one cultural group.

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