Hidden Faces

Africa

There are many tribal groups that branch out throughout Africa. The majority of these tribal groups have their own beliefs that allow them to practice what they feel is important to their society. Practices such as boys’ initiation, sacrifices, religious beliefs, etc. make up the society that these tribes belong to.

The wearing of masks and inclusion of them in a tribe’s lifestyle is based on generation. The importance of generation allows aspects of society such as entertainment and natural beliefs to have a history of tradition that we as outsiders wouldn’t be able to connect or relate to because there isn’t an immediate understanding of why things are being done.

Masks are worn for various reasons such as rituals, religious purposes, entertainment, and performances. However, the significance of the mask varies with the people who wear them. Masks of different cultures, societies, and civilizations have their own special relationship with the people who believe that they serve a greater purpose.

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Greece

Greek masks were essential to Greek theater. These masks consisted of comic and tragic masks.

Greeks first started using masks while performing plays that resembled part of everyday life.