

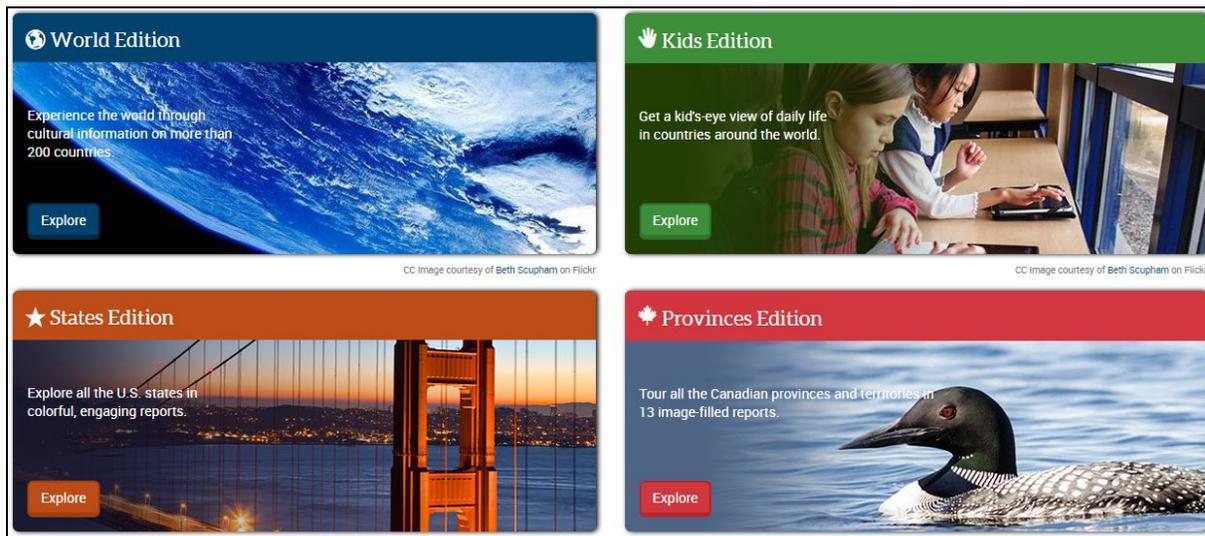
CultureGrams

CultureGrams provides up-to-date cultural and statistical information on countries around the globe, as well as U.S. states. Use this database to find:

- Facts on countries, U.S. state or Canadian province.
- Interviews with children and adults living throughout the world
- Flag images, recipes and sound files of the national anthems and state birds

How do I get to CultureGrams?

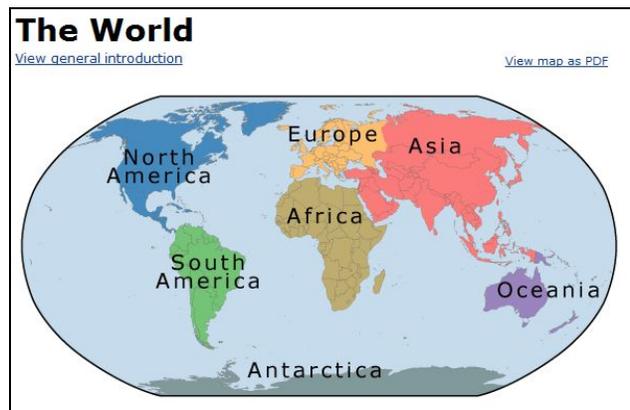
1. Start at the Library Connect web site: multcolib.org/libraryconnect
2. Click on a grade level (either **elementary school**, **middle school** or **high school**)
3. Scroll down to the Resources section.
4. Click on **CultureGrams**.
5. Click on the **Begin using this resource** button.
6. Type in your Library Connect or library card number and password. Occasionally, there may be difficulties loading a database. If you aren't able to get in, go back and try again. If the database still doesn't open, contact the library at multcolib.org/contact.



Choose the Edition:

- **World Edition** is aimed at middle and high school students
- **Kids Edition, States and Provinces Editions** are for elementary school students.

The World Edition invites you to first select a region from this map:



Once you've chosen a region, choose a country within it.

Each country profile features statistics, information on the country's history, people, society, customs and courtesies, and lifestyles. You can view video and pictures, read biographies of famous people, look at recipes for native dishes, and listen to the national anthem. If you'd like, you can have the article read aloud by clicking on the Listen button.

The screenshot shows a web page for Mali. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Mali' selected, and a breadcrumb trail: 'Home / World Edition / Africa / Mali'. A 'Listen' button is in the top right. On the left is a sidebar menu with categories: 'Background' (with sub-items: Land and Climate, History), 'The People' (with sub-items: Population, Language, Religion, General Attitudes, Personal Appearance), and 'Customs & Courtesies' (with sub-items: Greetings, Gestures, Visiting, Eating). The main content area features a map of Mali and its neighbors (Algeria, Mauritania, Niger, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire) with a 'Select a map' button. To the right of the map is a 'Did You Know?' section with three bullet points. Below the map is a thumbnail for an infographic titled 'Infographic: Average Person'. On the far right is a vertical sidebar with various options: 'Access Kids Version', 'Kids Edition: Mali', 'Report Options' (Print Report, View Full Report, E-mail Report), 'Additional Features for Mali' (Photo Gallery, Video Gallery, Slideshows, Interviews, Famous People, Recipes), 'Tools', and 'Graphs and Tables'.

Republic of Mali

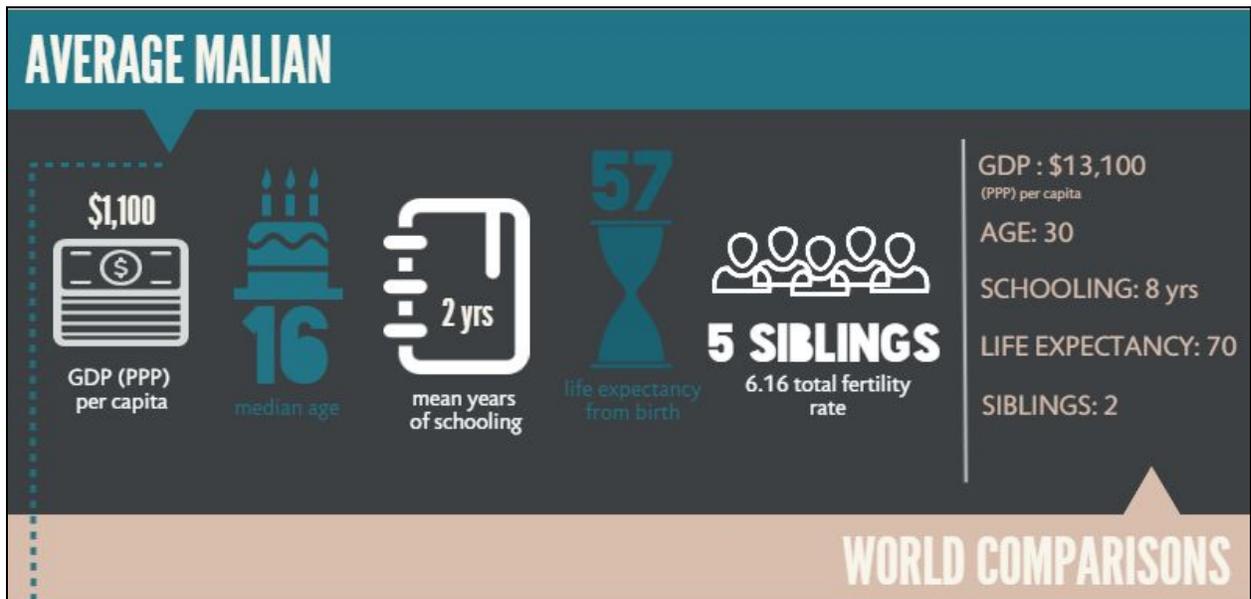
Did You Know?

- Bamako, the nation's capital and largest city, is a major regional trading center on the Niger River.
- Mali gained independence from France on 22 September 1960.
- Because people are obligated to help extended family members, the average wage earner cares for 10 people.
- In the Bambara language, the word *Mali* means "hippopotamus," which is considered the most powerful animal.

Infographic: Average Person

Click on the thumbnail to display a full-size infographic that depicts the demographic characteristics of a hypothetical average person of this country. The infographic, based on statistical averages and other measures, highlights factors such as income level.

You can view an infographic about the average person in a country, which includes comparison information to the world as a whole:



The Kids Edition doesn't include as many countries, but you find them the same way, by clicking on a region, and then on a specific country. The information is a little easier to review:

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World Version World Edition: Mali

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Republic of Mali
République du Mali

Did You Know?

- The word *Mali* means "hippopotamus" in the Bambara language.
- Mali gained independence from France in 1960.
- The official language of Mali is French, but most people speak Bambara.
- The city of Timbuktu was a center for trading and learning over one thousand years ago.
- Less than half of Malians can read and write, but this number is increasing as more and more children go to school.
- Bamako, the capital city, has a soccer stadium that holds 70,000 people.
- Mali mines and sells a large amount of gold to customers in other countries.
- Children outside of Bamako often start working in their families' fields at six or seven years old.
- Greetings are very important in Mali. Malians first say hello and then ask about the well-being of each other's family and relatives.

The Great Mosque of Djenné was built in 1907 on the foundation of older mosques going back to the 1200s, when King Koy Konboro converted to Islam and built a mosque. The



For the **States and Provinces Editions** you'll start with a map like this:

After clicking on a state, check out the sections on the left side of the screen to find information about the history, geography, people, state symbols, and more.

Oregon Home / States Edition / Oregon Translate Listen: 0:00 / 0:00

The Place Climate Geography Resources and Economy

Oregon
The Beaver State
Established 1859, 33rd State

Did You Know?

- The largest meteorite in the United States was discovered in Oregon in 1902. It weighs over 30,000 pounds.
- Oregon is the only state with a two-sided flag. The reverse side features a beaver, the state animal.
- The Columbia River Gorge is considered to be one of the best places in the world for windsurfing.
- At nearly 8,000 feet (2,400 meters) deep, Hells Canyon is the deepest river gorge in North America.
- Stark's Vacuum Museum in Portland has vacuums dating back to the late 1800s.
- Oregon's state birthday is on Valentine's Day.
- Oregon's most photographed lighthouse is the Heceta Head Lighthouse.
- In Oregon, there are no self-serve gas stations. The law states an attendant must pump your gas for you.

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