# Haitian History

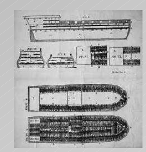
- 1492 - Christopher Columbus “discovers” the island of Hispaniola



- 1697 - Treaty of Ryswick divided the island into French-controlled St. Domingue and Spanish Santo Domingo.

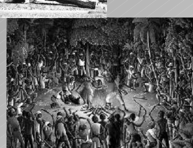
# Haitian History

- For over 100 years the colony of St. Domingue (known as the Pearl of the Antilles) was France's most important overseas territory, which supplied it with sugar, rum, coffee and cotton. At the height of slavery, near the end of the 18th century, some 500,000 people mainly of western African origin, were enslaved by the French.

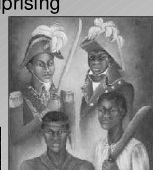



# Haitian History

- 1791 - Massive slave uprising

Ceremony of Bwa Kayiman

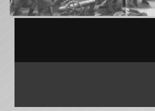


The leaders of the Haitian Revolution

# Haitian History

- 1794 - Toussaint makes France abolish slavery in Haiti

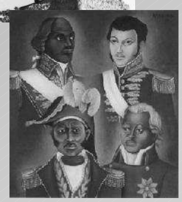


- 1804 - Haitian Revolution successful independence declared

## Haitian History

- First freed slaves
- First successful massive slave revolt
- First free colony of the new world
- First Black republic
- First to aid western world colonies (particularly in South America) to obtain their freedom



## Haitian History


- 1821 - Haitian President Boyer invades Santo Domingo until 1844.
- 1838 - France recognizes Haitian independence in exchange for a financial indemnity of 150 million francs.
- 1862 - The United States finally grants Haiti diplomatic recognition.

## Haitian History

- 1915 - US invasion and occupation for 19 years
- 1937 - Thousands of Haitians massacred by Dominican soldiers near the Haiti-D.R. border

## Haitian History

- 1957 - Francois Duvalier elected president of Haiti

- 1971 - Francois Duvalier dies, and his son takes over

# Haitian History

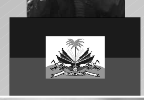
- 1981 – Haitian pigs, believed to be carrying African Swine Fever, are slaughtered
- 1986 - Jean-Claude “Baby Doc” Duvalier renounced rule after nationwide protests
- 1987 - The new Haitian Constitution is drafted

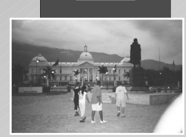
# Haitian History

- 1988 - 1990 – Political unrest, Coups, and Protests
- 1991 - J.B. Aristide, first democratically elected president in many years
- 1991 - Coup D’etat on Aristide and Hemisphere wide Embargo on Haiti
- 2001 – J.B. Aristide, re-elected in flawed elections, against great pressures from US and the Opposition parties

# Politics in Haiti

- Democratic Republic
- Capital: Port-au-Prince
- 9 Departments (states) + Florida
- 2 divisions:
  - **Executive Office**: President and Prime Minister
  - **Parliament**: Senate and Deputies
- President serves 5 yrs.
- Current President: J.B. Aristide
- Next Presidential elections: 2005

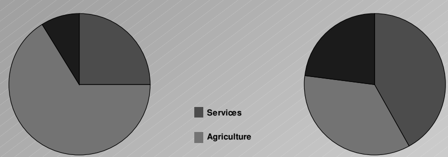




# Economics of Haiti

| | |
|---|---|
| National Currency - gourde | ~ $/40 |
| Per Capita Income ($) | 510 |
| Per Capita Income ($) (PPP adjusted 2002) | 1,700 |
| % share of total income - top 10% | NA |
| % share of total income - bottom 10% | NA |
| Unemployment Rate (%) | NA (>66) |
| % population below poverty line | 80 |

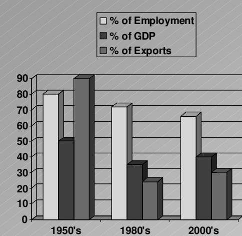
# Labor & GDP Division




**Labor**

**Gross Domestic Product**

# Agriculture Economics

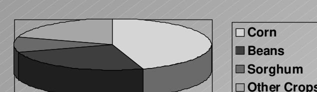



- 67% of the work force involved in agriculture
- 555,000 hectares under cultivation
- Only 75,000 under irrigation
- 70% of farmers work marginal, severely eroded hill-side farms

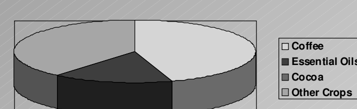
# Crop Production

- Subsistence Crops
  - Corn
  - Beans
  - Sorghum/Millet
  - Rice
- Cash Crops
  - Coffee
  - Essential Oils
  - Sugar Cane
  - Mango
  - Cacao
  - Avocado
  - Pineapple

# Crop Production & Exports

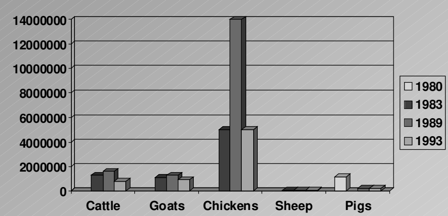



**Produced Crops**




**Exported Crops**
(1999)

# Livestock




# Projects for Haiti

**Open projects**

- Water Quality Testing
- Ecotourism in Anous
- Rio Frio Bridge Design
- Reforestation Project
- Moringa Oil Extraction Project
- Paper Briquette Press
- Agricultural Technologies
- Adventure Tourism website
- Grain mill project

**New projects**

- Computer Learning Center
- Peanut Shelling
- Water Storage Vessel
- Guide & Workshop on Water Purification Techniques
- Aid To Artisans
- Light Instillations
- Technology Demonstrations
- Community radio station