



Key word: Definition: Characteristics of Tribal Dance

1. Percussion	Body percussion is the art of striking the body to produce various types of sounds
2. Jumping	To move suddenly and quickly into the air where both feet leave the ground.
3. Stamping	To bring your foot heavily on to the ground. This is a form of percussion.
4. Circle and line formations	To position the dancers in either a circle or a line pattern. This is a typical spatial design in tribal dance.
5. Isolations	Where one body part moves independently from the others.
6. Grounded	Where movements are low and directed towards the earth. Often used as a sign of respect in Tribal dance.
7. Imitation of life	Many tribal dances depict a narrative. Tribes dance to tell stories.
8. Animals & Elements	Tribal dances often include movements that identify different animals and elements such as wind, fire, water and earth.

Key word: Definition Skills required for Tribal Dance

1. Spatial awareness	Consciousness of the surrounding space and its effective use.
2. Projection	The energy the dancer uses to connect with and draw in the audience.
3. Coordination	The efficient combination of body parts.
4. Musicality	The ability to make the unique qualities of the accompaniment evident in performance.

Key word: Definition: Tribal Dances

1. The Haka – New Zealand	The haka is a ceremonial Māori war dance or challenge. Haka are usually performed in a group and represent a display of a tribe's pride, strength and unity.
2. Zulu – South African Dance	It is performed with drums and is derived from the war dances of the warrior.
3. Gumboot - South African Dance	The dance is performed wearing wellington boots. The tapping of the gumboots was used to communicate in the mines.
4. Morris Dancing - English Folk Dance	It is based on rhythmic stepping. The dancers usually wear bell pads on their shins. Implements such as sticks, swords and handkerchiefs may also be wielded by the dancers.
5. Gule Wamkulu – A ritual dance from Malawi.	The dance is said to communicate messages to the Tribes ancestors and helping crop harvests and continued life.