



**Country:** Bahamas  
**School :** Lucaya International School  
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Hi Lucas,

My name is Isabella and I have lived in Freeport, Grand Bahama my entire life. I am 13 years old and attend Lucaya International School. It is nice writing to you because I actually have family in Spain and am visiting Barcelona soon.

The Bahamas has a population of 377,344 and Freeport alone has about 47,000 as of 2000. It is a small island and everyone knows each other. The Bahamas is known for its beautiful beaches and its clear waters. The Bahamian flag is black, blue and yellow representing a united people, land and sea. Our national bird is the Flamingo, our national fish is the Marlin, our national plant is the Yellow Elder and our national tree is the Lignum Vitae. We have 700 islands and only 40 of them are populated.

Life in the Bahamas mainly revolves around the beach. Our island is a popular vacation spot for tourists because of our wide range of fun activities. We have a dolphin experience, scuba diving and beautiful marine life. People here are very friendly and kind. In my opinion, the Bahamas is interesting to tourists and locals that haven't been living there for long. However, for people like me who have lived here my whole life we tend to take the beach for granted.

Overall, I think that Grand Bahama is an amazing island and has a variety of different activities. Although it can get a little boring at times, I love this island and I am glad I got to grow up here. You should come visit!