**Da Ga "Boa Constrictor"**

**Country of Origin:** Ghana

**Target Ages:** Grades 1-5

**Supplies:** masking tape

**Set up:**
- Designate boundaries for this game using tape, chairs, and/or walls. You want a large area so children can run freely.
- Use masking tape and mark off a 5x5 feet square. This is the “Snake House.”

**How to play:**
- First, locate Ghana on the map. Ask students if they remember what continent Ghana is located on? What kind of animal is a Boa Constrictor? Do they live in Ghana?
- Explain rules of the game and boundaries.
- One child is chosen to be the snake and must stand inside the snake house. They must stay in the snake house at all times.
- All other children skip around the snake house.
- The snake tries to tag others on the outside. The tagged children join hands with the snake and try to tag other children to become part of the snake. The leader and the tail are the only ones who may tag free players.
- If the snake’s body breaks, the snake must start again.
- The game ends when only one person is left untagged.
- A new game can begin with this person as the new snake in the snake house.

**Closure:**
Ask students if they remember what country this game is from. Why do they think children named this game after a snake? Does this game remind them of any games that they play?