

Social Studies Unit 4



COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD



INDONESIA



Indonesia is a country of Asia. It is an archipelago, which means it is made up of a group of islands. Some of the islands even have active volcanos.



Some people of Indonesia live in the city. Others may live in different villages on the islands. Some of the villages have been painted bright colors.



In Indonesia, people enjoy dishes such as beef rendang, a coconut beef stew. Martabak is also very popular. It is like a thick pancake with a filling in the middle.



A game many enjoy playing is called “sapek takraw.” It is like volleyball except you are not allowed to use your hands. A special ball called a Rattan ball is used.



Children in Indonesia go to school five to six days a week. Most children are taught Indonesian at school. They also go to school all year.



There are many traditions throughout Indonesia. Stories are often told through dance. The dancers wear traditional costumes to reflect their heritage.



This is the flag of Indonesia. It is made up of two colors. The red represents courage, and the white represents honesty.



VIETNAM



Vietnam is a country that is located on the coast of Asia. Jungles as well as beaches can be found there. There are even some volcanoes.



Over 95 million people live in Vietnam. Although some people live in urban areas, almost $\frac{2}{3}$ of Vietnam's citizens live in rural areas.



A popular dish in Vietnam is phở. This soup contains broth, meat and noodles. People also enjoy sandwiches, such as bánh mì, which has a mix of yummy meat and vegetables. 3



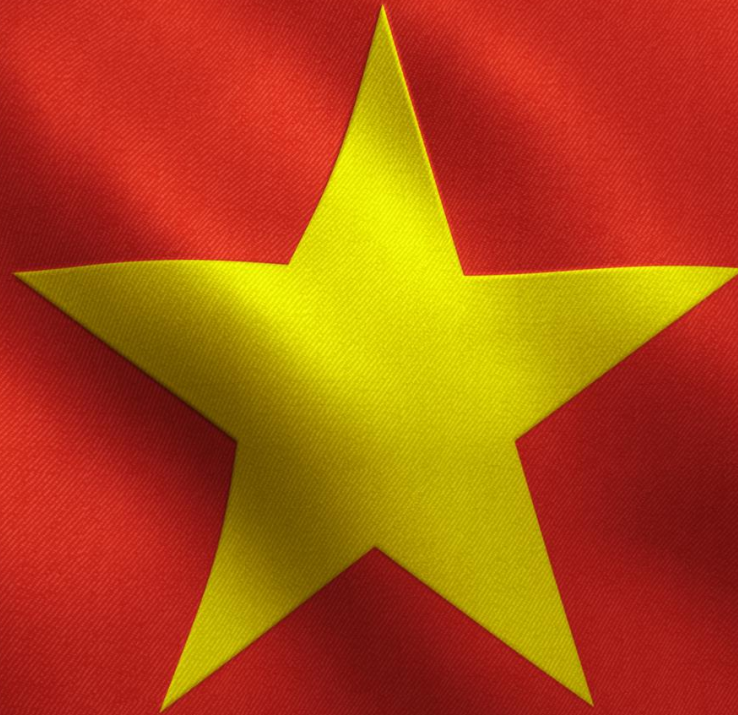
In Vietnam, people enjoy playing soccer, but they call it “football.” Another game that is played is badminton. You use a racquet to hit the shuttlecock over a net.



Children in Vietnam start school at the age of six. They go to school from September to June. They are taught in Vietnamese.



There are many traditions throughout Vietnam. Some people wear traditional clothing as they celebrate the first day of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year, or Tết.



This is the flag of Vietnam. It is made up of two colors. The red represents Vietnam's struggle for independence. The yellow star represents five different classes of people. 7



THE NETHERLANDS



The Netherlands is a country located in Europe. Most of the country is below sea level, so there are dikes, dams, and windmills that keep areas from flooding.



In the Netherlands, about half of its citizens live in urban areas. However, there are still many people that live in rural areas.



The Netherlands has delicious food. People may enjoy stroopwafels, a thin cookie with caramel in the middle. They may also eat a meat snack called bitterballen.



People in the Netherlands enjoy many different games, such as their version of shuffleboard. When the weather is cold, many people enjoy ice skating.



Most children in the Netherlands begin school at the age of four. School is taught in Dutch. Once students reach the seventh grade, they also begin to learn English.



Do you know what these are? These wooden shoes are called klompen, or clogs. They have been worn for over 700 years. Farmers are the main people who wear them now. 6



This is the flag of the Netherlands. It was orange, white, and blue. However, over time the orange would turn red, so the country officially adopted red as the top color in 1937. 7



GREECE



Greece is a country located in Europe. It is mostly surrounded by the Mediterranean Sea. It also has over 6,000 islands.



In Greece, over $\frac{2}{3}$ of its citizens live in urban areas with most of them living in the capital city of Athens. There are also many smaller villages throughout the country.



Baklava is a Greek dessert. It is a pastry with nuts and is soaked in honey or syrup. In Greece, gyros are also popular. They contain meat, veggies, and sauce on a special bread. 3



People in Greece enjoy outdoor activities, including playing in the snow and on the beach. They also play boardgames like tavli, a game similar to backgammon.



In Greece, children must start school by the age of six. Students are taught in Greek, but they take classes to learn English as well as either French or German.



Dancing is a very important tradition in Greece. The different Greek islands have different dance styles that have been passed down through many generations.



This is the flag of Greece. It has five blue stripes and four white stripes. The colors represent the sky and the sea. The white cross is a symbol of the main religion in Greece.



AUSTRALIA



Australia is unique. It is a country within the continent also known as Australia. A large portion of the country is desert. However, there are some subtropical areas, too. |



A large majority of the people in Australia live in the city. Few people live in the hot Outback. Those that do are usually farmers or ranchers.



This is fairy bread. It is made by spreading butter on white bread and adding sprinkles. In Australia, people also enjoy eating meat pies.



A popular game in Australia is cricket. People use a bat to hit a ball around an oval-shaped field. Some women play a game called netball, which is similar to basketball.



In Australia, children begin school at the age of five. They are taught in English. School lasts from January or February to December.



In Australia, the Aboriginal people wear body paint when they dance. It helps them tell a story. Their ancestors were the originally inhabitants of Australia.



This is the flag of Australia. It has the United Kingdom flag in the top left corner. There is one large star called the Commonwealth Star. The other stars show a constellation. 7



NIGERIA



Nigeria is a country located in Africa. Although a large part of Nigeria is covered with plains and savannas, it also contains jungles, deserts, and mountains. |



About half of the people in Nigeria live in urban cities. The other half of the population live in rural areas throughout the country.



Jollof rice is a popular dish in Nigeria. It is rice cooked in a tomato sauce. People in Nigeria also enjoy chin chin. This dessert is made from rolled dough that is cut and fried.



Many activities enjoyed in Nigeria include soccer, boxing, and basketball. There is also a popular game played called Ayo. This game requires a lot of skill and math knowledge.



In Nigeria, children begin school in 1st grade. For their first three years of school, they are taught in their native language. Starting in 4th grade, they are taught in English. 5



Nigeria has different festivals that are religious celebrations. They are filled with lots of dancing. Beautiful, colorful clothes are worn.



This is the flag of Nigeria. It has two green stripes with a white stripe in the middle. The green represents natural wealth, and the white represents peace and unity.



SOUTH AFRICA



South Africa is a country located in Africa. It is located at the very bottom of the continent. There are many beaches as well as forests and lagoons.



About 2/3 of the people in South Africa live in urban cities. The rest of the population live in rural areas throughout the country.



Many people in South Africa enjoy boerewors, a sausage shaped like a coil. Koeksisters is a traditional dessert that is similar to a doughnut and covered in syrup.



Children in throughout South Africa enjoy games like basketball and soccer. A game that has been played for many generations is diketo. It is like the game of jacks.



In South Africa, children begin school at the age of six. They are taught in their home language, but they also learn another national language that is spoken in the country.



South Africa has many festivals that have been around for hundreds of years. In some they wear outfits in bright colors and in others they wear more traditional clothing. 6



This is the flag of South Africa. It is the only flag in the world with six colors. The “Y” represents different parts within the country coming together to form one path.



ARGENTINA



Argentina is a country located in South America. It covers most of the bottom of the continent. The landscape is very diverse. There are mountains, glaciers, and waterfalls, too! |



Most of the people in Argentina live in urban areas. Many of the people living in rural areas are farmers.



This is an empanada. It is a flaky pastry filled with meat, veggies, or cheese. Another popular dish in Argentina is provoleta, a grilled cheese dish filled with herbs.



A game enjoyed in Argentina is bocchas. It is similar to lawn bowling. Players take turns trying to get their balls the closest to a special ball called the “jack.”



In Argentina, children begin school at the age of six. They practice many different subjects. The students are taught in Spanish.



In Argentina, traditional clothing include special pants, jackets, and hats worn by gauchos, or horsemen. Women wear brightly colored dresses.



This is the flag of Argentina. It has a white stripe between two light blue stripes, which stand for the blue sky opening to show a white cloud. In the center of the flag is a sun. 7



PERU



Peru is a country located in South America. It can be found on the west side of the continent. There are many mountains located here as well as rainforests.



A large portion of Peru lives in urban areas. However, there are still tribes living in the rainforests that have very little to no contact with outside people.



A popular dish in Peru is ceviche. It is made of raw fish marinated in lemon or lime juice. People also enjoy Peruvian corn that comes in many different colors.



Soccer is one of the most popular sports played in Peru. People also enjoy activities such as hiking and surfing.



In Peru, children begin preschool at the age of 5.
Instruction is given in Spanish. Children go to school from
February to December.



In Peru, traditional clothing is very brightly colored and includes beautiful skirts, dresses, hats and ponchos.



This is the flag of Peru. It has a white stripe between two red stripes. In the center of the flag is the Peruvian coat of arms.



NICARAGUA



Nicaragua is a country in Central America, the land that bridges North America and South America. This country has many mountains and volcanoes as well as beaches. |



A little more than half the people living in Nicaragua are in urban areas. Some people living in rural areas often walk or use horses to get to different places.



Gallo pinto is a Nicaraguan dish that is enjoyed throughout the day. It is made of red beans, rice, and onions. A very popular dessert is tres leche, which stands for three milks. 3



Many sports are enjoyed in Nicaragua, such as baseball, soccer, basketball, and boxing. Because of the coast, people also enjoy different water activities.



In Nicaragua, children begin school at the age of six. The students are taught in Spanish. For students living in rural areas, school is sometimes far away and hard to get to. 5



In Nicaragua, many festivals are held throughout the year. There are parades in which some people wear traditional clothing, such as dresses with beautiful embroidery.



This is the flag of Nicaragua. It has a white stripe between two blue stripes, representing peace, the Pacific Ocean, and the Caribbean Sea. The coat of arms is in the middle.