

Global Food Adventures

Food is a very important part of every country and culture around the world. Each country has fruits, veggies, and other products that they grow and sell, sometimes to very faraway places. Countries also have meals, called their National Dish, that are special to the people that live there. When you think of food in the United States, what do you picture? How about when you think of Italy? Or China? Imagine you had your very own country- what would you grow there? What would it be like to live there?

In the activity below, we'll learn about different countries around the world. Then, you get to invent your own, including designing your own flag!

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 -  = Climate and Ecosystems
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 -  = Fun Fact

Turkey



 Asia & Europe

 Ankara  Turkish

 Turkey has a diverse landscape with mountains, plains, and forests. It has many rivers and lakes, too. Its climate is temperate, which means summers are hot and dry and winters are mild and wet.

 Turkey is the world's top producer of apricots and hazelnuts. In fact, Turkey exports over 75,000 TONS of dried apricots each year.

 Baklava, a dessert made of layers of filo filled with chopped nuts and sweetened with syrup

 The earliest known signs of agriculture can be found in Turkey. Scientists found evidence of people growing wheat and barley over 11,000 years ago!



Ethiopia



 Africa  Addis Ababa

 Amharic is the official national language. Regions of the country have their own official languages too.

 Ethiopia has a tropical northeast and southeast, with cool highlands.

 Every year Ethiopia exports almost 1 billion bags of coffee! They also produce oilseeds, meat, and flowers

 Doro wat, a spiced chicken and egg stew

 Ethiopia follows a different calendar than the one we know. They follow the Julian calendar, which has 13 months. It is roughly 7 and a half years behind the Gregorian calendar, which is the one you and I use!



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Bangladesh



 Asia
  Dhaka
  Bengali

 The country of Bangladesh is one large delta. A delta is a wetland formed by rivers that empty their water and sediment into another body of water, such as an ocean or lake. Bangladesh sits where the Ganges, Brahmaputra, and Meghna Rivers meet.

 Bangladesh is the world's largest producer of jute, a fiber used to make rope and sacks. There is also a lot of rice and tea grown here.

 Ilish macher paturi is fish marinated with ground spices, then wrapped in banana leaves and steamed.

 The world's largest mangrove forest is in Bangladesh. It is home to over 260 bird species and the rare Bengal Tiger.



Argentina



 South America
  Buenos Aires

 Spanish is the official language. Indigenous languages include Mapudungun and Quechua.

 Argentina has diverse habitats and climates including rainforests, arid (dry) regions, plains, and the subantarctic

 Their main agricultural export is wheat, they are the world's 5th largest wheat exporter in the world. Argentina's other main agricultural exports include soybeans, maize, barley, rice, flax seed, sugarcane, cotton, citrus fruits, and grapes.

 Asado, also known as Argentine barbecue

 Both the highest and the lowest points in the Southern and Western hemispheres are here.

Highest: Aconcagua mountain at 22,831 ft above sea level.
 Lowest: Laguna del Carbón at -344 ft below sea level.



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Now it is YOUR turn! Imagine you could create your own country. What would it be like?

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What does your country's flag look like?

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