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# Introduction

Welcome! You are about to go on an adventure around the world. Along the way, you'll "meet" kids from all different parts of the world. The names of some of their countries might sound familiar. Some might be places you've never heard of before. Either way is OK! For each country, you'll have a chance to learn what the name of its capital is, what continent it is on, and what countries and bodies of water it borders. You'll even have a few chances to quiz yourself and see how much you remember about the places you've learned about.

There is one thing that is very important to keep in mind as we go on our journey, however. Do you always dress just like everyone else in your entire country? Do you dress the same way every day? Of course not. Sometimes people wear different clothes because of what they prefer or what the weather is like where they live. Sometimes there are reasons to dress differently than normal, such as for a holiday or a special event.

The kids in this book are wearing all sorts of different kinds of clothes. Some of them are wearing clothes that have a special meaning to their country's history or heritage. Just because the kids are dressed one way in this book does NOT mean everyone dresses like that everyday. Just take a look at the kids on the page about the United States. Do kids really go around wearing clothes with stars and stripes on all the time? Or what about the page for Canada. Do boys always dress like Mounties? Take a look at Brazil. Do kids always dress like they might for Carnival? Of course not. Each of these pictures tells just one piece of a great big story of a country's history. You can have lots of fun going on a search to find out why the kids are dressed a certain way and what it means in their country's history if you'd like. There is so much to discover!

Throughout this book, you'll find certain words written with dotted lines so you can trace over them. These are names of places, and tracing them can help you remember them.

After the information about each country, you'll find a map that shows where to find the country on the continent or in the region it is in.

I hope you'll have a wonderful time visiting all these places and meeting all these kids. You can even say a prayer for them as you learn about them. Are you ready? Let's get started!



Mauritius

Capital: Port Louis

Mauritius is a country made up of islands in the Indian Ocean far off the eastern coast of Africa. The island country of Madagascar sits between Mauritius and the mainland of Africa.

