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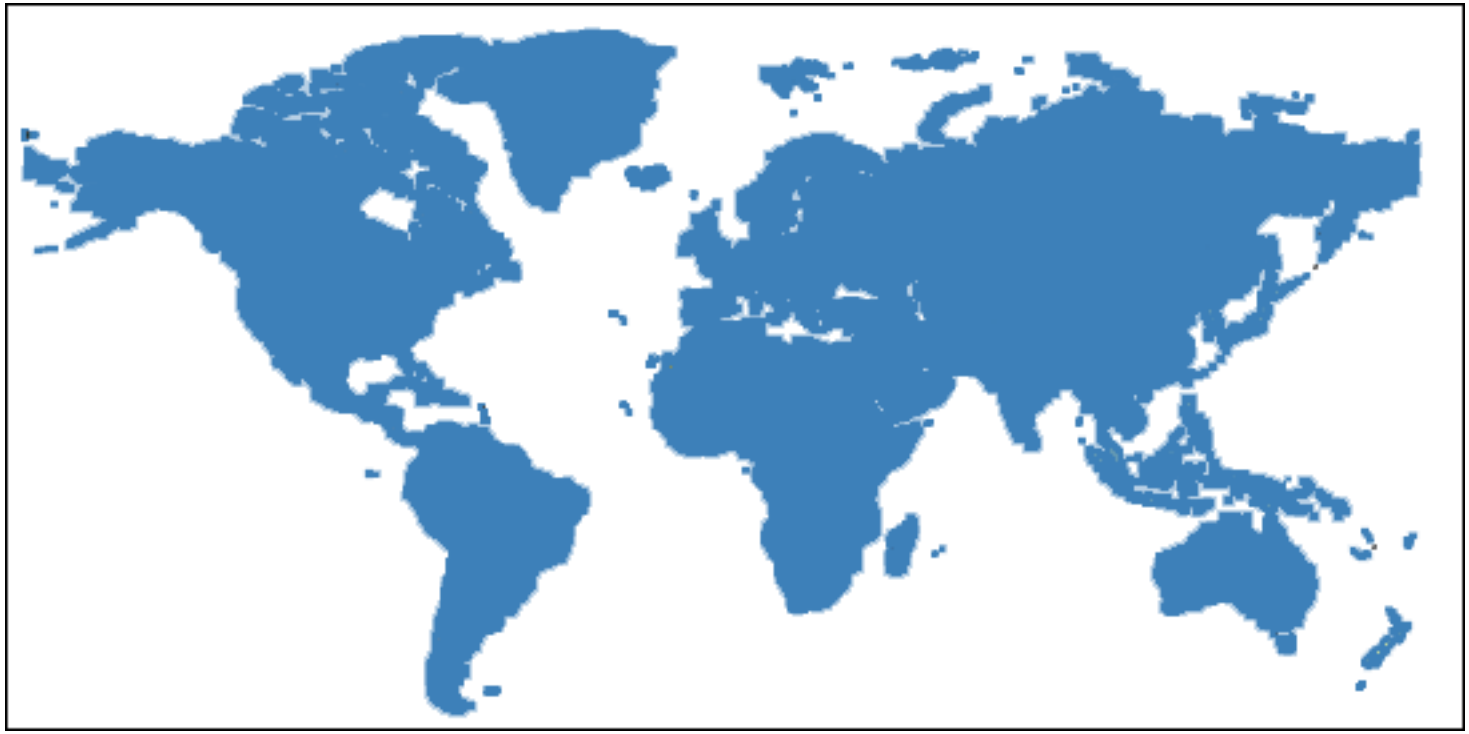
Around the World during International Education Week



FAST FACTS

AFGHANISTAN
Afghanistan has been known by different names including Ariana, Bactria and Khorasan.

AUSTRALIA
Australia's Ayers Rock is the largest rock in the world, with a circumference of 5.8 miles (9.4 kilometres) around its base and a height of 1,142 feet (348 metres).

BRAZIL
Rio de Janeiro is home to the largest soccer stadium in the world — it can seat 200,000 fans.

COSTA RICA
Costa Rica has one of the highest rates of literacy (the ability to read and write) in Latin America, estimated at 96%.

JORDAN
Nearly half of all Jordanians are under 20 years old.

ICELAND
Although its name implies a land full of ice, Iceland has many volcanoes and hot springs, with only 13% of the island made up of snow and glaciers.

INDIA
About one out of every 6 people in the world lives in India. The country has 14 major languages and over 1,000 minor languages and dialects.

INDONESIA
When the volcano Krakatoa erupted in 1883, the explosion was heard in Australia, and debris from the crater was found on the beaches of Madagascar.

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IRAQ
Iraq was once known as Mesopotamia, which means “the land between the rivers” (the rivers are the Tigris and Euphrates).

PHILIPPINES
About 7,100 islands make up the Philippines, even more at low tide.

SOUTH AFRICA
In South Africa, traffic lights are called robots.

TURKEY
The first coins were produced and used in Turkey 2,700 years ago.

TURKMENISTAN
The suffix "stan" means "land of." So Turkmenistan means 'Land of the Turkmen," a central Asian ethnic group.

UGANDA
Uganda is home to the world's largest man-made lake, Owen Falls. It is 204,800,000,000 cubic meters or about 45 trillion gallons.

UNITED STATES
The Library of Congress is the world's largest library with more than 120 million items. Its collection increases by 400 items per hour.

VIETNAM
Vietnam is home to 200 species of mammals, 800 species of birds, 250 species of amphibians and reptiles, and more than 1,200 species of fish.

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Can you find these countries on your classroom map? Check off or color the boxes below to show where you have "visited."

Afghanistan	Australia	Brazil	Costa Rica
Jordan	Iceland	India	Indonesia
Iraq	Philippines	South Africa	Turkey
Turkmenistan	Uganda	United States	Vietnam

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