

A Trip Around the World

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This world has to offer us many beautiful and amazing places, but did you know that each part of the world has its own unique beauty? I would like to visit the great places, acquire knowledge and meet people who speak different languages, have different culture and history. I want to visit various places with various coloured animals, wild vegetation and weather.

Let's start our exploration by exploring our own country. The Cox's Bazar of Chittagong is the largest beach in the world! It was the port town used by the British when they ruled the Indian continent. The Sundarbans are filled with magnificent wild life. It has one of the largest populations of Royal Bengal Tigers in the world. It takes a lot of courage even for hunters to go through the Sundarbans.

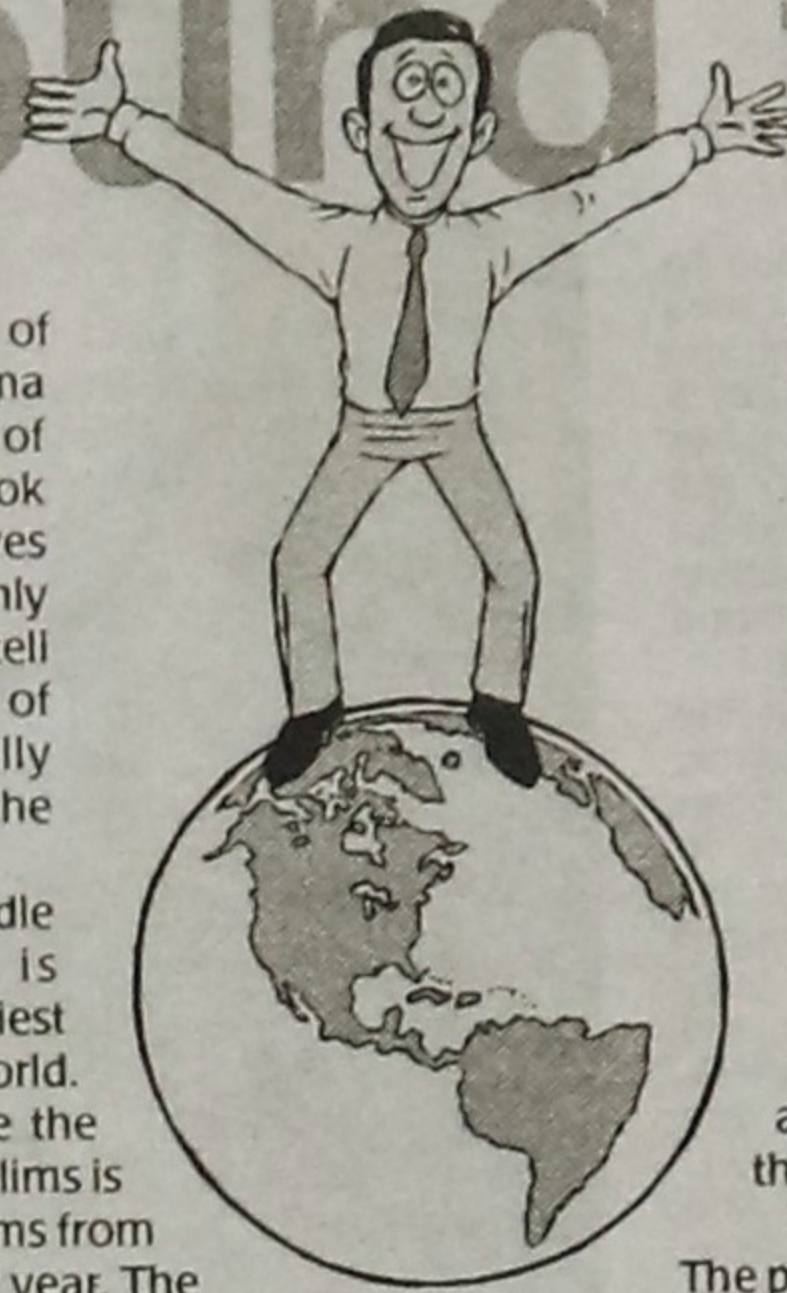
Now let go to China. Here lies the Mighty Yellow River or the Huang Ho River. It is called the "River of Death" since it took the lives of 1800s' when a flood broke out. It is still very dangerous as it has floods every year. The Great Wall of China was built by a Chinese dynasty to protect China from the attacks of the Mongolians, which were led by Chengis Khan and Atilla the third. The Tiananmen Square is unique because it is the center of China, where from the most populated country is governed. Chinese people are mostly Buddhists, but they have a long history of ancient folk tales of dragons, and magical powers which are still common to many.

Now to the neighbors of China-Japan. Japan is an archipelago. Now, Japan has one of the best economic systems in the world. It is

mainly because their way of life. Nagasaki and Hiroshima will always be a reminder of the nuclear attack that took thousands of Japanese lives half a century ago. Now only the National Cemeteries tell the story. Japan is also one of the most Technologically advanced countries in the world.

Now let's go to the Middle East. Saudi Arabia is considered one of the holiest places in the Muslim world. The Kabba, believed to be the holy house of Allah by Muslims is visited by millions of Muslims from all around the world every year. The Middle East is mainly popular for its export of oil to the rest of the world. In Jerusalem, the mosque of Nozarath, from where Prophet Muhammad is believed to have reached the heavens is situated. The worshipers practicing Judaism are also from Jerusalem. Jesus Christ was born in Bethlehem, the three of the major religions of the world, have a common birth place: Jerusalem!

The African continent is great! Egypt has the great Pyramids of Pharaohs. The myths of the Nile River and the lighthouse of Alexandria are historic and still magnificent! The Savannah of Africa is beautiful for its collection of wildlife. South Africa is a country known for its beauty as well as racial



segregation. Now, both blacks and whites live peacefully there. The Cape of good hope on the tip of South Africa is also renowned.

Now let's fly over to Australia. The wildlife of Australia is totally different from that of the rest of the world. From Kangaroos to the great Koalas and of course the many marine life of the Great Barrier Reef-Australia has everything. The Opera House of Sidney is awesome! Australia also has the great white on its coastline!

Well let's go to South America! The people of this continent all have something in common. The first language of most countries here is Spanish, with the exception of Brazil where Portuguese is spoken, French Guinea, and Dutch New Guinea. The Andes covers most of Argentina and Chile. The Amazon River in the Amazon forest is the largest river in the world, located in Brazil.

Central America is where the ancient ruins of the Aztec civilization remains. This is believed to be even older than the pyramids of Egypt. The Panama Canal is the road between the Atlantic and Pacific Ocean. The United States of America is now the world's second largest democracy and is the most powerful nation because of its technological advancement and huge natural resources.

The city of New York has the statue of liberty and is called "The Big Apple". The city of Chicago is called the windy city and has the Sears tower-the tallest tower in the USA. The Pacific coast has California and Los Angeles is the biggest city. The Appalachian Mountains and the Great Plateau are one of a kind. Ice-Cold-Canada is the second largest country in the world. Her countrymen speak two languages-English and French. English is spoken mainly in Alberta and Ontario while French spoken mainly in Quebec.

Europe is most marvelous: with the diversified languages and culture in the continent.

England which ruled most of the world once is still the focal point in Europe. Italy has the city of Venice, the leaning tower of Pisa. The countries of France and Germany were once rulers of Europe. Spain has its serene beauty. Turkey has the legendary beauty of Constantinople, now Istanbul is called the crossroads between Europe and Asia. The myths of Greek legends and the statue of Zeus are historical. The coliseum of Rome is also great. India has the Taj Mahal in Agra and the city of Calcutta, which was the capital of British settlement when they ruled the continent.

The whole world is a beauty to see; it has great places. By understanding the world can we understand each other. The world is like an adventure if we think of it in that way. Now people are thinking of going to Mars, the moon etc. but if you haven't been such a world like ours, you're definitely missing something!

The Story Of A Troubled Teendager

By Nozaira Sultana



Hi guys! I'm Samia. My friends call me Sam. I'm 16, doing my 'O' levels. That day I was going through a write-up about childhood memories. The writer wrote about all those magical, sweet, carefree moments. I bet all of yours childhoods are full of sweet memories. But childhood memories can also be worst nightmares.

What do you think? It can't be? Well mine were. My childhood memories are nightmares for me. All the credit goes to my parents for making it so. I come from a family where words like love, care, sharing, understanding do not exist. From the time I've just started to realise what's being in this earth all about, I have seen my parents fighting. I still remember those nights. I was a small girl, afraid to sleep alone. I slept with my parents. I don't remember any night when I could sleep properly. I still remember suddenly waking up in the middle of the night and finding my parents quarrelling with each other. It was terrible. Each night was a torture for me. I loved my parents. It was so hurting to see the persons I love so much fighting with each other. I never understood my parents' relationship. It seemed to me that they never tolerated each other's presence. The love, care and understanding which exist between a husband and wife never usually existed between them. A relationship is supposed to stand on trust. They never trusted each other.

Time rolled on. When I grew up a little I tried to stop my parents. I still can make a picture of a girl crying her heart out for failing to stop her parents. Well, my parents never cared. They never really tried to realize their daughter's feelings. They never thought about what I wanted, they were quite busy with themselves. I was left alone. I felt lonely. I felt no one really cared about me.

Slowly I started avoiding my parents. If they didn't care about me, why should I? I started hating them. I felt they didn't love me. I started doing opposite of what they told me to do.

I just didn't feel like doing things they wanted me to do. Although I knew they were right. I did things which would annoy them most. I argued with my parents frequently. As a result, now I am referred to as a "spoiled child." Maybe I am. I guess I am kind of trying to take revenge of what they did to me. But doing all these never gave me pure satisfaction, I was more frustrated.

Only children coming from disturbed families can feel the pain I am going through. I will never forgive my parents for ruining my childhood. They are the reason why I don't believe in any kind of relationships. I am always afraid that I will be betrayed if I trust anyone. I am even afraid to trust my friends. It's so hard living like this.



BY SAJIDUR RAHMAN

It was a pretty hot humid night, and I was deep in my sleep, snoring to make my self comfortable for the cold which made my nose block and the night was very peaceful and quite.

I was deep into a sweet dream, thinking that I was in a fairyland which was peaceful and noiseless and it was enshrouded by strange trees and plants, and only the songs of the beautiful birds could be heard. Suddenly a screaming interrupted my dream and I woke up. I started to contemplate where those sounds were coming from? As those screaming went monotonously, I suddenly got marvelled to see a large blaze of fire got caught on a nearby building and it seem it was getting larger every second. So I

shouted to awake up my parents to call the fire brigades to put out the fire. By this time everyone in every house was wild awake, not sleep in anyone's eyes. Very soon the fire brigades and the police were present at that spot and was fighting with the enormous fire. Many people were trapped in that building. By that time it was reported that two people were fiercely burned to death. At last the fire was gone and the police were investigating the matter. My dad and I hurried towards that building to see how bad the fire was. As my dad was talking to the others, I started to look for clues. Finally I found out that the fire came from a remote forest, and the nearest forest was the Green Forest, so all hurried to the forest except the some ambulances. Then two hours later a police car came up and soon reported that the fire came from the

forest, which was a huge one but it was then keep under control. The day after that, the news about the fire spread throughout the country, almost all the newspapers had the news in the front page and the heading given was "THE LONG TEERIBLE NIGHT".

Will Remain Forever

By Susan Munir

Sometimes in life, many incidents can occur which can be extremely unbearable and unacceptable. But unfortunately, we have to face reality. Such tragedies can be unforgettable and awfully heartbreaking, when thought of now, tears roll down my cheeks as I sit here in reminiscence of such an incident. On Monday the 22nd of February, my dad came to pick me up from school and I was told that we were on our way to my mama's house. I got no answer to the question of why we were going there. I was baffled!

Then I was taken by surprise when I found my mom was there also. Along with some other family members, she sat on the living room floor. Her eyes slightly blurred with tears revealed a strange sorrowful feeling. The unpleasant silence shot wild thoughts through my mind. But the silence or anything else in the world was never enough for me to think of such horror-the death of such a close family member! For often seconds, I just stood there shocked, speechless and unable to accept the awful sight before me. Then I burst into

tears. My feelings at that moment cannot be put into words. It was certainly a bitter pill to swallow! People like her are very rare in this cruel and hostile world. She left us quietly in her sleep. Without disturbing a single soul, she left as and entered the world of horrid silence. She was probably the closest as get to being a perfect human being. She was an example set for everyone around her. Her ability to endure and bear a situation was evidently her greatest quality. She was gentle toward the poor and the needy were her loved ones. She was unforgettably simple, softhearted and affectionate. She would use her energy and sacrifice her comfort for that of others'. Her being so precious and dear to me made it even tougher for me to accept the horrible truth.

I could do nothing for her comfort and happiness on earth, but now as I face reality and realize this, All I can do is pray for her, pray that the all mighty be happy with her. May he bless my beloved Nani! Her soul shall remain within my heart for ever!