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Gandoor
Powerbroker

Posts: 9909
Founded: Sep 23, 2008
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Gandoor** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 7:16 am

I don't think this counts as a cliché but does anyone else just guess 'English' in the 'What language does AN speak?' game when someone's flag gives no potential clues for a good guess by the colours or symbols and their name or sig has no potential clues either, or is it just me?

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Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 7:40 am

Gandoor wrote:

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I don't, but I doubt it's just you.
If it's a galactic empire, I always say American English as a joke.

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The Saucer Pilots
Attaché

Posts: 79
Founded: Aug 15, 2020
Inoffensive Centrist Democracy

by **The Saucer Pilots** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 7:48 am

Western Fardelshufflestein wrote:

If it's a galactic empire, I always say American English as a joke.

Nah. I'm pretty sure Elstree Studios was in the UK.

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Destyntine
Chargé d'Affaires

Posts: 401
Founded: Jul 22, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Destyntine** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 8:28 am

Gandoor wrote:

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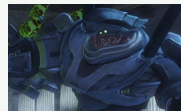
Normally I'd instinctively look for cultural design or fauna/flora/technology relating to a certain region and try and go from there. The number of colors way the colors are divided can also play into my guess.



☐ **Spaceship go Vrooooo!** ☐

NS stats are not 100% accurate, but they do represent my nation slightly!

Yeah, I'm sassy! Get over it!



Valentine Z
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602
Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 8:29 am

My go-to in reading factbooks are Geography and Culture. I always love reading about their natural landscapes, alongside the cultural bits. Some of them have mouthwatering pictures of food, so that's a bonus! 🍷

It's... it's an anti-cliche. You don't really see them too often. And yes, I have yet to make a complete factbook on Val Z's culture. ^^;

Last edited by **Valentine Z** on Wed Apr 21, 2021 8:30 am, edited 1 time in total.

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Western Fardelshuffelestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
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by **Western Fardelshuffelestein** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 8:31 am

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I have yet to make a complete factbook on WF, period.

OK, except for the monarchs one.

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Sophia in England
Civilian

by **Sophia in England** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 9:06 am

Western Fardelshuffelestein wrote:

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*Simplified English

Posts: 0
Founded: Apr 06, 2021
Ex-Nation

"We might not always be the main character in the wonderful play known as Earth, but we can always be the protagonists of our own lives. And that, for me, is more than fulfilling."

-Lady Sophia Anna Cecilia Emma Kensington, Countess of Cheshire, Inheritor of the Great Mission, and Protector of Swans

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Valentine Z
Postmaster-General

Posts: 11602
Founded: Nov 08, 2015
Democratic Socialists

by **Valentine Z** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 9:22 am

Make Transatlantic (Mid-Atlantic) accent a thing and norm for your leaders again, dammit.

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Powerbroker

Posts: 9909
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Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Gandoor** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 9:38 am

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MFs gonna be talking like Thurston Howell III

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The Saucer Pilots
Attaché

Posts: 79
Founded: Aug 15, 2020
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **The Saucer Pilots** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 10:04 am

Valentine Z wrote:

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I get that sometimes, must be one of the consequences of setting a story between 1947 and 1957. Some people imagine Nova talks like that. I'd be willing to buy the nasally bit but comparing Nova to a starlet would probably be too much:

Jaledonia wrote:

40s Transatlantic Accent

Destyntine wrote:

A very nasally American accent, kind of like what you would hear in old American movies from the 40s-60s. Possibly with a slight New Yorker tone.

PS: We should get Zitragrad on board with your idea Val, I imagine they're experts at this theme.

Last edited by **The Saucer Pilots** on Wed Apr 21, 2021 10:04 am, edited 1 time in total.

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Zitavgrad
Ambassador

Posts: 1218
Founded: Sep 27, 2017
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **Zitavgrad** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 10:21 am

The Saucer Pilots wrote:

PS: We should get Zitavgrad on board with your idea Val, I imagine they're experts at this theme.

Well, given that Zitavgrad's main language is actually Russian/Ukrainian, my characters might attain the heavy Russian accent when they speak English. But I do have a few characters who do the "impeccable English".

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Posts: 79
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Democracy

by **The Saucer Pilots** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 10:37 am

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The Saucer Pilots wrote:

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Well, given that Zitavgrad's main language is actually Russian/Ukrainian, my characters might attain the heavy Russian accent when they speak English. But I do have a few characters who do the "impeccable English".

Haha. I was kidding. The assumption was based on aesthetics alone. Russians and Hollywood don't go well...they're almost always go-to villains.

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Interesting. I imagined Mia Marcolini to talk like that more than Feodora, even if they're also not American in Canon. Maybe it's because they look even more vintage.

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Zitavgrad
Ambassador

Posts: 1218
Founded: Sep 27, 2017
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **Zitavgrad** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 10:47 am

The Saucer Pilots wrote:

Interesting. I imagined Mia Marcolini to talk like that more than Feodora, even if they're also not American in Canon. Maybe it's because they look even more vintage.

Hmmm, I see where that comes from. Marcolini is decidedly 1920s while Feodora is more or less already in 1930s territories, based on the photos used.

Also, Constance Bennett sounds more mature than what I imagined Feodora to sound like. [Miro, though, is perfect.](#)

The Saucer Pilots wrote:

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Hmm yes, but if I have to dig my old film collection she might sound like [Janet Gaynor](#).

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-Astoria-
Senator

Posts: 3711
Founded: Oct 27, 2019
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **-Astoria-** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 10:56 am

Valentine Z wrote:

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TFW everyone speaks like FDR.

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Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 11:23 am

-Astoria- wrote:

Valentine Z wrote:

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TFW everyone speaks like FDR.

THE ONLY CLICHE WE HAVE TO FEAR IS THE CLICHE ITSELF.

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Kiu Ghesik
Powerbroker

by **Kiu Ghesik** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 11:31 am

Zitragrad wrote:

The Saucer Pilots wrote:

PS: We should get Zitragrad on board with your idea Val, I imagine they're experts at this theme.

Posts: 9373
Founded: Aug 25, 2020
Democratic Socialists

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tbf, iirc most Russians who were formally instructed in English spoke it with a British accent, since they learned from Brits, so it's understandable that the upper-class Zitrag boys might be able to pull off "impeccable English."

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The Saucer Pilots
Attaché

Posts: 79
Founded: Aug 15, 2020
Inoffensive Centrist
Democracy

by **The Saucer Pilots** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 12:05 pm

Zitragrad wrote:

Hmmyes, but if I have to dig my old film collection she might sound like [Janet Gaynor](#).

I like the softness in the voice. I still imagine something less sweet and more low-brow though, mostly because Nova likes to pretend they're an unrefined idiot or they ham up their humbleness. Tbh, this little exercise has me convinced that I'll let the readers decide what an English-speaking human from outer space sounds like...and what media exposure would they imitate, if at all.

Makes me wonder if other retro-futuristic nations actually have a limit to what pop-culture or social trends they should reference or avoid all-together.

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Q: "What inspired you to make this nation?"
A: "The answer is too crazy to sound true."



Gandoor
Powerbroker

Posts: 9909
Founded: Sep 23, 2008
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Gandoor** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 6:10 pm

Weird and somewhat uncommon trend I've seen in Technical:

- User posts about a problem they're having, typically on the forums
- Another user gives an (incorrect) explanation as to what's going on
- A mod comes in and gives the correct answer to what's going on and tells the user who gave the wrong information to not give a definitive answer if they don't know it
- The user who gave the incorrect information tries to argue with the mod that the mod was wrong and they were actually correct

I don't get it. Say whatever you want about the mods when it comes to their moderation, but I feel like they're going to be more trustworthy and accurate when it comes to technical issues on the forum than an ordinary player is.

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New Anderia
Envoy

Posts: 264
Founded: Oct 03, 2016

by **New Anderia** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 6:40 pm

A cliché that's probably been mentioned before, nations with severely WIP factbooks

Maybe I ought to start a version tracker for major changes, not that anyone cares all that much but me lmao

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Socialist Macronesia
Negotiator

Posts: 6831
Founded: Jan 27, 2020
Ex-Nation

by **Socialist Macronesia** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 6:55 pm

New Anderia wrote:

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version 2.2.4

- added an image of the terroristic nigerian warlords to the "war crimes" factbook
- added the paragraph about the drone strike and subsequent AC-130J attack on the children's hospital
- increased troop numbers by 2,000,000
- acquired both F-35 and S-400 systems at the same time
- made stealth systems 50% more stealthy
- wrote 1 word about culture
- added citation for the line "the earth is big"
- minor tweaks and bug fixes (annexed the philippines)

Last edited by **Socialist Macronesia** on Wed Apr 21, 2021 6:56 pm, edited 1 time in total.

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Western Fardelshufflestein
Senator

Posts: 4744
Founded: Apr 21, 2020
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Western Fardelshufflestein** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 7:08 pm

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Envoy

Posts: 264
Founded: Oct 03, 2016
Corrupt Dictatorship

by **New Anderia** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 7:28 pm

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Yup, pretty much 🤖

Western Fardelshufflestein wrote:

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[citation needed]

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Honestly, I do think that in theory it could be good to show when a factbook is updated, if your nation shows off most of its worldbuilding through use of factbooks

Last edited by **New Anderia** on Wed Apr 21, 2021 7:34 pm, edited 2 times in total.

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Saunders Global Security
Political Columnist

Posts: 5
Founded: Jun 22, 2018
Iron Fist Consumerists

by **Saunders Global Security** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 8:14 pm

Cliché: a lot of people using Natalia Poklonskaya as their nation's leader.

SGNN: *Jeff Bezos, age 65, declared dead in the hospital after deadly*

[Yep the mental breakdown has already happened](#)

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Austria-Bohemia-Hungary
Postmaster of the Fleet

Posts: 20539
Founded: Jun 28, 2011
Civil Rights Lovefest

by **Austria-Bohemia-Hungary** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 8:31 pm

Saunders Global Security wrote:

Cliché: a lot of people using Natalia Poklonskaya as their nation's leader.

I thought her "fame" had died down a bit after coming out as a Putin-shill? <.<

The. Name. Is. Ostmark.

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New Anderia
Envoy

Posts: 264
Founded: Oct 03, 2016
Corrupt Dictatorship

by **New Anderia** » Wed Apr 21, 2021 8:42 pm

Austria-Bohemia-Hungary wrote:

Saunders Global Security wrote:

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Is there really anyone who works for the Russian government who doesn't qualify as a "Putin-shill" by western standards?

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