

## Monday September 8th?

Kemi, Finland

- 20k population, recycling of textiles is common
- Misty mornings
- Football is common, finnish league
- Industrial city but tourism matters too
- Northern lights and Kemi snow castle

Finnish language belongs to the old relic

No articles, no prepositions

Glutenitive languages, add suffixes to the end of the language

Adds everything to the end of the original word



Writing system corresponds to the reading system really well

Sweden was apart of Russia for a bit 1809-1917

- We are not swedes and definitely not russians and became an independent nation



Moomins became more popular through comics and published in the UK originally.

## Scandinavian Democracies

Parliamentary Democracies

Low corruption rate, high trust societies

High voter turnout

Socialist and non-socialist political parties

Coalition governments - Compromise

EU members

NATO

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## The Parliaments and Governments

Stockholm, Sweden

- 349 seats in the Parliament
- 8 political parties
- Coalition government:

*Moderats, Christian Democrats, and Liberals with support from Sweden Democrats*

- 52% women in Government
- 46% women in Parliament

Helsinki, Suomi Finland

- 199 + 1 (Åland) in the Parliament
- 11 political parties
- Coalition government:

*National Coalition, True Finns, Christian Democrats, Swedish People's Party, and Åland*

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## Finnish President

Two rounds, roughly 70% voting

Alexander Stubb (57), National Coalition

**"How Finland's Golf-Loving President Got Trump to Hear Him Out on Russia"**  
The Wall Street Journal



Generally policy, don't trust Trump

# PISA - results

2018 The OECD Program for International Student Assessment

## Literacy, Science and Math

Finland on top! Why?

*What is school like in Finland and Sweden?*

### WELCOME BABIES!

- Maternity box
- Paid parental leave
- Monthly child benefits

...for everyone



Maternity- and Children's health clinics 100% covered

### PRE-SCHOOL

- Play based
- Naptime outdoors
- Healthy food
- Challenging gender stereotypes
- Pronouns: *Hen/Hän*
- Subsidized



"We struggle with pronouns", General Neutral pronouns for both he and she

## Elementary school, K-6: LEARN AND GROW!

Swedish/Finnish, Math, **English**,  
**2nd foreign language**, Natural  
Sciences, Social Sciences,  
**Religion, PE**, Art, Music

**English** from 1st or 2nd grade  
**Home language**

**Woodwork, Sewing and  
Cooking**

**Recess, Short school days**  
**Free hot lunch for everyone**

### PE and Field Days:

Orientering, skiing, skating, a  
hiking trips

**Collaboration**, social growth,  
practical life skills, inner motivation  
independence

**No grades**



### What is Finland doing right?

- Education is valued in society
- Distinguished profession, motivated applicants
- BA and MA required for teacher certification



### Pedagogical freedom:

- Curriculum sets goals, teachers choose methods
- Well-crafted materials
- Well-equipped schools
- Relaxed, informal atmosphere



## REACAP: SCHOOLS IN FINLAND

- Public School for everyone
- Equal funding: The closest school is the best school!
- Small class sizes
- Relaxed, non-competitive environment
- Short school days and lots of recess
- Free healthy lunch for everyone
- Pedagogical lunch together with teacher
- Qualified support for those in need of extra help
- Health care at school
- No standardized testing
- Not much homework

