

A vibrant, hand-drawn collage featuring various global landmarks and travel-related elements. In the upper left, the Sydney Opera House is depicted with its iconic white shells and a small boat nearby. To the right, the Statue of Liberty stands prominently against a blue background. Further right is a detailed drawing of the Taj Mahal. The lower left shows a castle-like structure, possibly the Tower of London. A map of Europe is visible at the bottom center, with labels like 'ESPAGNE' and 'PARTIE D'AFRIQUE'. On the far left, several directional signs point towards cities: 'New York', 'DUBLIN', 'Canberra', 'OTTAWA', and 'London'. A compass rose is located in the top right corner. The central focus is a large, stylized, red, cursive text that reads 'Let's travel!'.

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# LONDON



Buckingham Palace which I visited is the official residence of the British sovereign. It is the place of major Royal events and a tourist place. It was so strange to look at the Welsh Guards who don't move all day long. Indeed, a part of the Palace is opened to the public, but in summer only. The palace is huge, there are 775 rooms. The Palace was built in the 17<sup>th</sup> century and was a large hotel. King George III took possession of his residence in 1761. During the reign of Queen Victoria, the palace became the official residence of sovereign.

In summer 2020, I visited London, the capital city of England, which counts 8,982 million inhabitants. They need the biggest buses, the double-decker buses. These red buses are used for mass transport of tourists, I was lucky enough to be able to climb it, it was so high! 4.9 meters. We count 674 lignes of buses in London. The first commercial horse-drawn double-decker omnibuses were introduced in England in 1847 by Adams, F. & Co of Fairfield. These red London buses are the most famous in the world!



# EDINBURGH

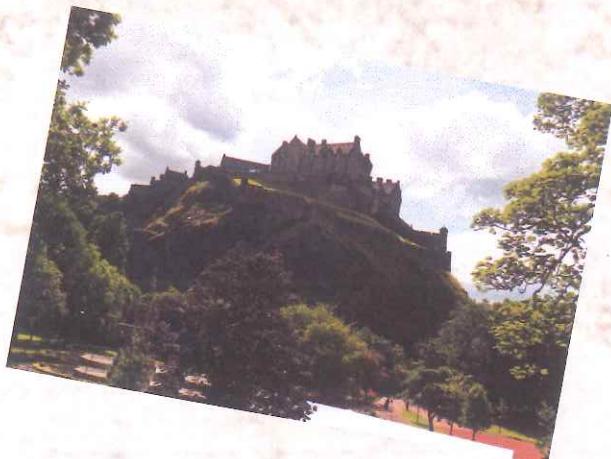
Hi! My name is Yasmine Sabri, I'm 14 years old and on the last holidays, I went to Scotland, to Edinburgh more precisely. It was such an amazing experience, I really wanted to share it with you!

One of the first things we did after arriving in the city was to visit Edinburgh Castle. This historical masterpiece was built on the Castle Rock for its military advantage. St Margaret's Chapel, in the Castle, was built in the 12th century, in 1130 more precisely, which makes it the oldest building in Edinburgh. Some people even say it was older than that, and that Queen Margaret died there in 1093. With its incredible history, Edinburgh Castle is undoubtedly one of the best places to visit in the city.

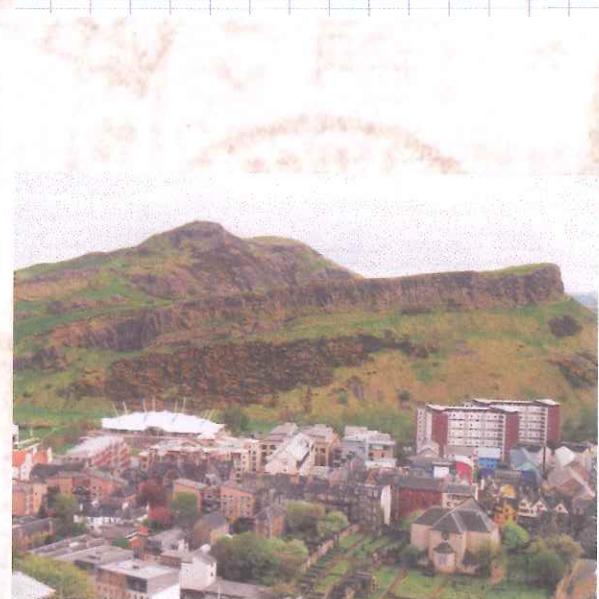
After the castle we visited the Museum of Childhood. It's the first museum to be entirely dedicated to the history of childhood! We could see so many toys, games, books, clothes and dolls of children from the 1800s to now!

We even had the chance to visit the new gallery that explores children's life at home, school and play!

The concept is original and it is beautifully presented, I liked it!



Another unforgettable moment of the trip was when we hiked up Arthur's Seat! This extinct volcano is 350 million years old, and the main area of the group of hills of the city. The top is 250 meters high, it takes about 2 hours to climb to the top and back, but they're truly worth it, because from there, you can have the most wonderful view you'll ever get over the city!



# THE FIRST INHABITANTS : THE INDIANS

Today, I decided to interview the American Indians. The trip was so long but the landscapes were magnificent. Arrived in the north of America, we got acquainted with the Sioux tribe, a tribe divided into 3 peoples (Lakota, Nakota and Dakota). They welcomed us very well and after lunch, they told us their stories. There she is:

The Indians aka Native American arrived about 5,000 years BC. They comes from Siberia by the Bering strait.

The Native Americans are divided into tribes like: Sioux, Chippewa, Apaches, Blackfeet and Iroquois. Each tribe has its chief. He is chosen by tribe and he is called "Sachem" he becomes responsible for the common good of the tribe. All the chiefs are gathered in the same place.

They also told us about their unique culture:

- They use body colorful paint to express themselves. It could mean that they won a battle, they are in mourning, celebrating something...
- Each tribe has his pictogram displayed on their tipis, on their shields, on their pottery...

• In the southwest of America, they make ceramics and they do colorful weaving. The Indians of plains paint the skins of bison to make clothes and decorate their costumes. In the northwest, they make totem poles and masks.

An Indian is recognizable by his most colorful eagles feather headdress. It designates their social rank. To sleep, they use tepees, which is a traditional dwelling, which are tents of conical shapes made of animal skin. Tepees which comes from English and which means dwelling.

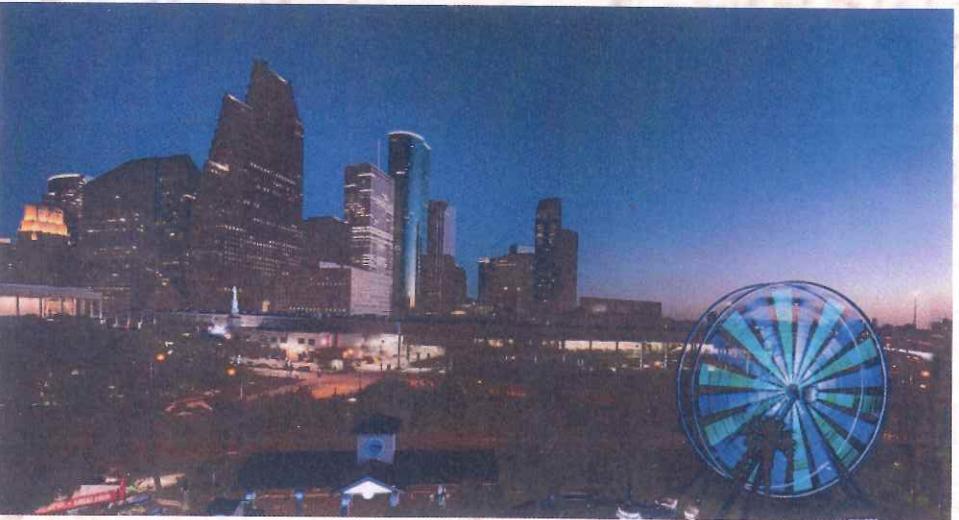
The American Indians believe in spirits, and in a force that moves objects. Their god is called "the great spirits".

The Indians respect nature, they consider her as their mother, she has a sacred bond of life. They purify themselves in sweat tents, which resemble saunas and that allow contact with the spirits. There are other religious traditions:

like the offerings to grow corn, the Pow-Pow, a religious celebration of warriors' exploits and the dance of the spirits, the Indians sing verses to the rhythm of the drums



# HOUSTON



Last summer with my family, I visited one of the most beautiful and biggest cities in the USA, Houston. It was a very great experience where I discovered a lot of amazing places.

But, before to start talking about the places, I will give you some interesting information about this beautiful city.

Houston is situated in Texas, it is the second largest city in the southern United States after Dallas. Its inhabitants are called Houstonians, its population is approximately 2,312,700 inhabitants.

It is also the 4th most populous city in the United States.

Let's talk about the food, in general in Houston people prefer to eat in restaurants, for their price that are cheaper than in the other cities. It's like a capital restaurant! I was able to find different types of restaurants there that serve different specialties, each offering a variety of dishes and tastes.

And without forgetting, one of my favorite the Barbecue which is very popular for Americans!



# CAPE TOWN

## Table Mountain

It is a flat topped mountain overlooking the city of Cape Town. Many visitors go hiking to the top and enjoy the impressive view of the city! The main feature of Table Mountain is the level plateau approximately 3km from side to side, edged by impressive cliffs. This mountain has a very rich biodiversity, which consists in several different types of flowers and plants. Some tourists take the Cableway from the lower cable station, to get to the plateau at the top of the mountain, which is at 1,067 metres. A professional climber told me it was the fastest way to get there!



## Dive with the sharks

Shark diving, which is also used for scientific observation, underwater cinematography and tourist activity, is one of the most popular activities among visitors to Cape Town.

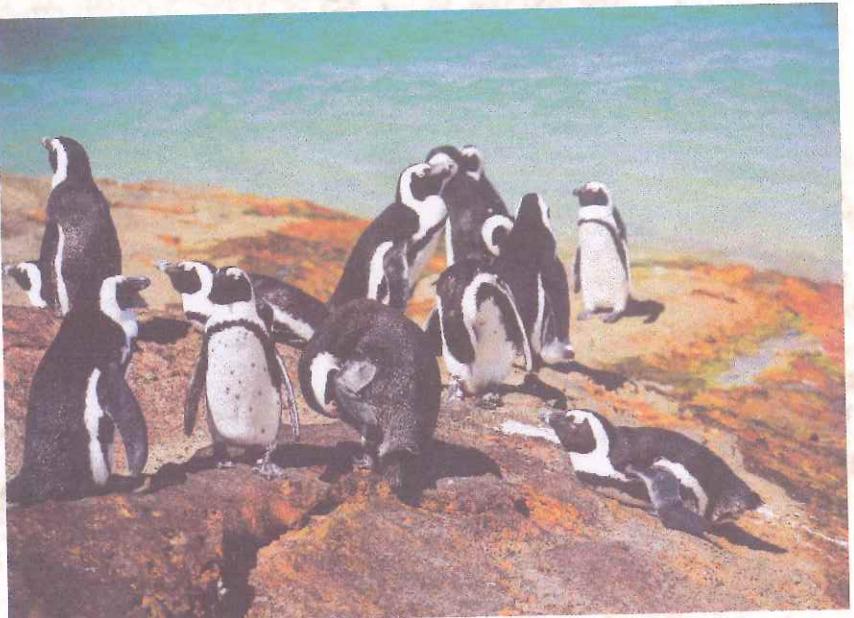
The observer remains inside a protective cage, with a monitor, and can see very closely the white sharks swimming. Being face to face with these monstrous fish was insane and felt unreal... what a scary but memorable experience!

## Robben Island

During my trip to Cape Town, I visited the famous Robben Island which is an island in Table Bay, in the North of Cape Town. The water was the bluest ever and there were thousands of pebbles by the water's edge. The island is roughly oval in shape, 3.3km long and 1.9km wide, with an area of 5.08 km<sup>2</sup>. It is flat and only a few metres above sea level. It used to be a prison from the late 17<sup>th</sup> century to 1996. The famous political activist Nelson Mandela was imprisoned there before being president! I was thrilled to be in such a historic place, which is moreover a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



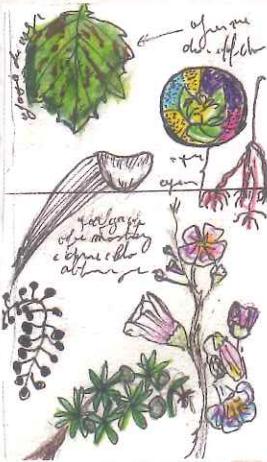
Boulders Beach is a sheltered beach made up of inlets between granite boulders, from which the name originated. It is located in a suburb of Cape Town; Simon's Town. It is a very popular tourist spot, mostly because of its colonies of African penguins, which settled there in 1982. They're on the verge of extinction! Boulders Beach is only one of a few sites where these rare birds can be observed closely. The penguin colony has grown to about 3,000 birds in recent years. I was so delighted to spend a whole afternoon with these little creatures!



# CANBERRA

Hey! I am Alya Ghoul and recently I traveled to Canberra, the capital of Australia! It was such a fabulous experience! After more than 23 hours of flight I finally landed to the capital. As soon as I arrived the most surprising thing was the weather: it was summer! In Casablanca we were in the middle of winter. I forgot it, but in Australia the seasons are reversed. The hottest month are December and January, the coldest July and August.

On the first day, I went with my family to the National Botanic Gardens which are 90 ha! It's just huge! And delightful like a fairytale garden! There are almost 90 000 plants which represent more than 5 000 cultivated species. Moreover, there are lots of attractions: Rainforest Gully, gardens of mallee, of wattle, of pine, eucalyptus lawn for picnics and many paths like the Main Path or Walk to the top of the Black Mountains. Of course, I didn't choose this later because I hate climbing steep slopes! It is killing my thighs... Instead we chose the Aboriginal route, which crosses the corridor of Rainforest and gardens. Still along the route, I learned how Aborigines use plants. It was very interesting and I never seen such beautiful gardens! For memories, I bought a book with deals with botanic gardens and Aboriginal life in a library which is located in Writer information center and I did a lot of drawings. Oh, I forgot to tell you but I love drawing and reading!



## FOOD & TRADITIONS

Last summer, I visited New-Zealand. The capital of New-Zealand is Wellington. It's in the south of the Northern Island. There are about 4 million inhabitants in New-Zealand.

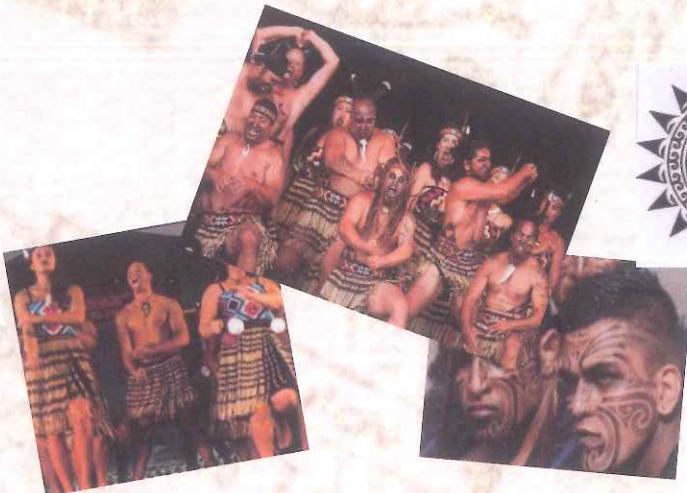
Some are Maoris and some are Pakehas.

There are two official flags in New-Zealand:

- The New-Zealand's flag
- And the Maori's flag



There are also incredible animals which are also really famous and cute like : kiwi, kea, tuatara and some others. The most famous animal in New-Zealand is the kiwi. I saw some at the zoo and they are sooooo cute in real life !!!



Maori are the indigenous people of New-Zealand. Maori culture is a very central part of life here and this includes Maori food, language and customs. Even if you're just living here for a short time, it's important that you know, understand and respect Maori customs and how to interact in Maori culture.



Every year on 6th February, New-Zealand marks the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi in 1840! On that year, representatives of the British Crown and over 500 Maori chiefs signed what is often considered to be New-Zealand's founding doc. This day was first officially commemorated in 1936, and it has been a public holiday since 1974.