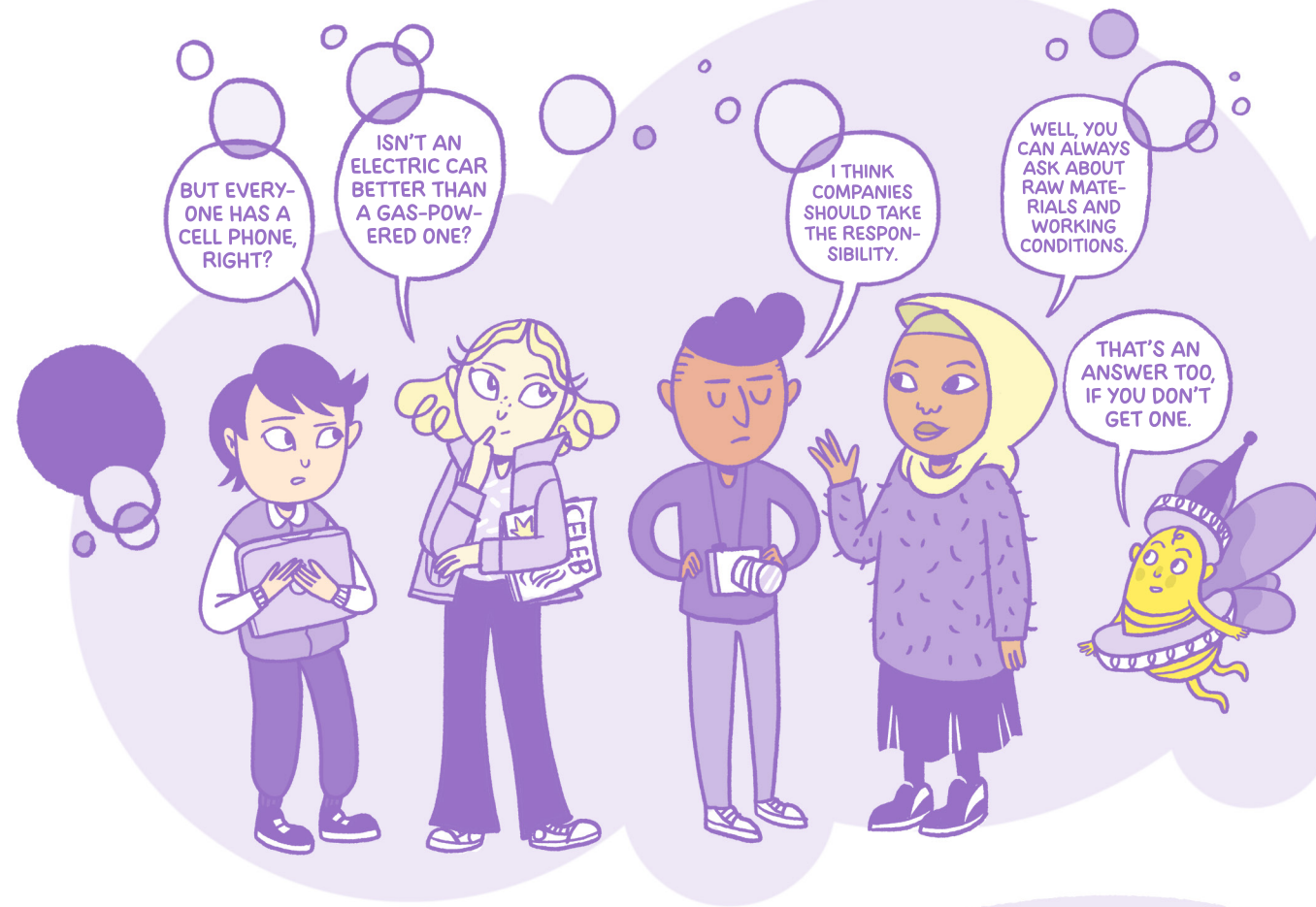
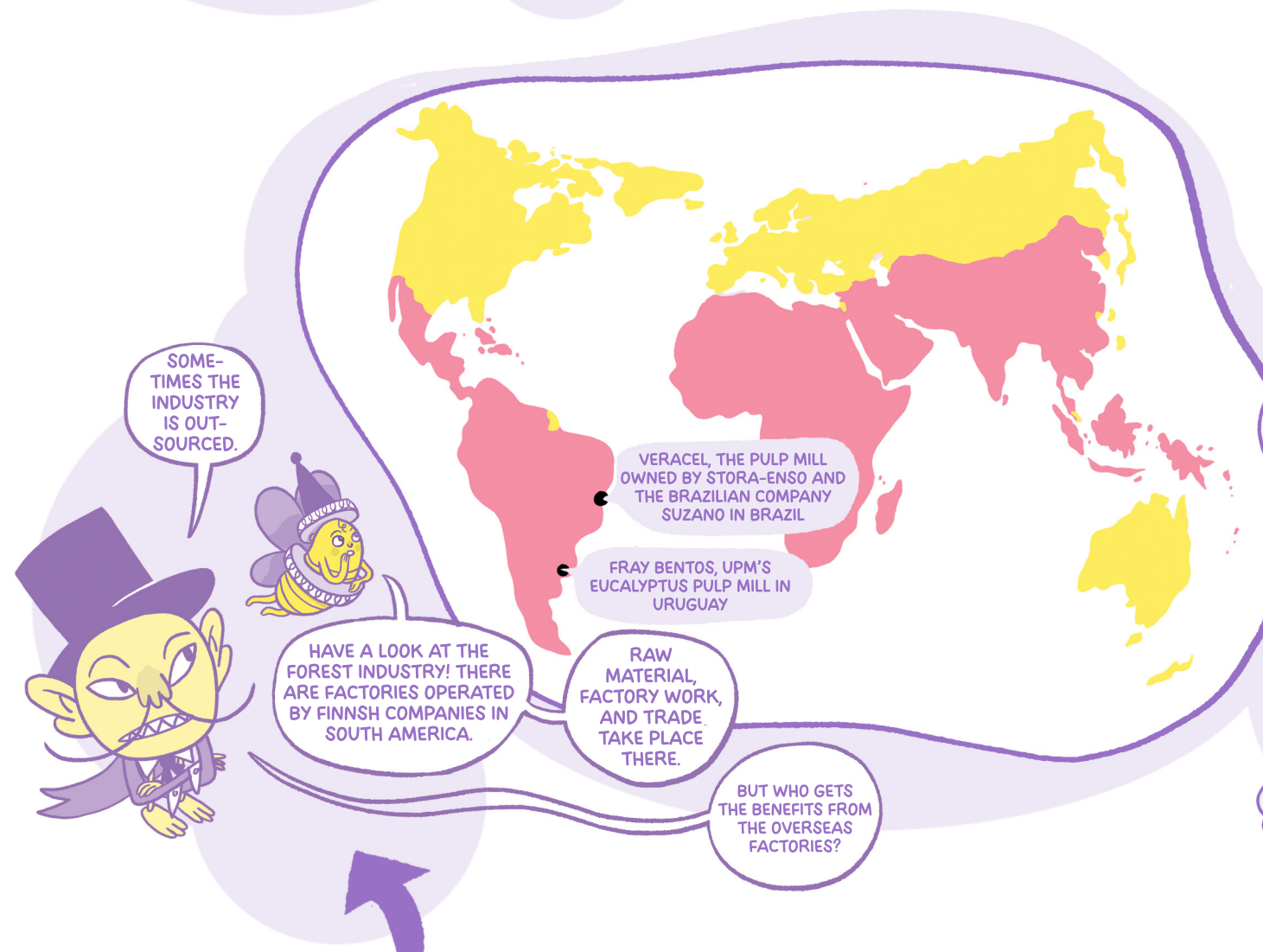
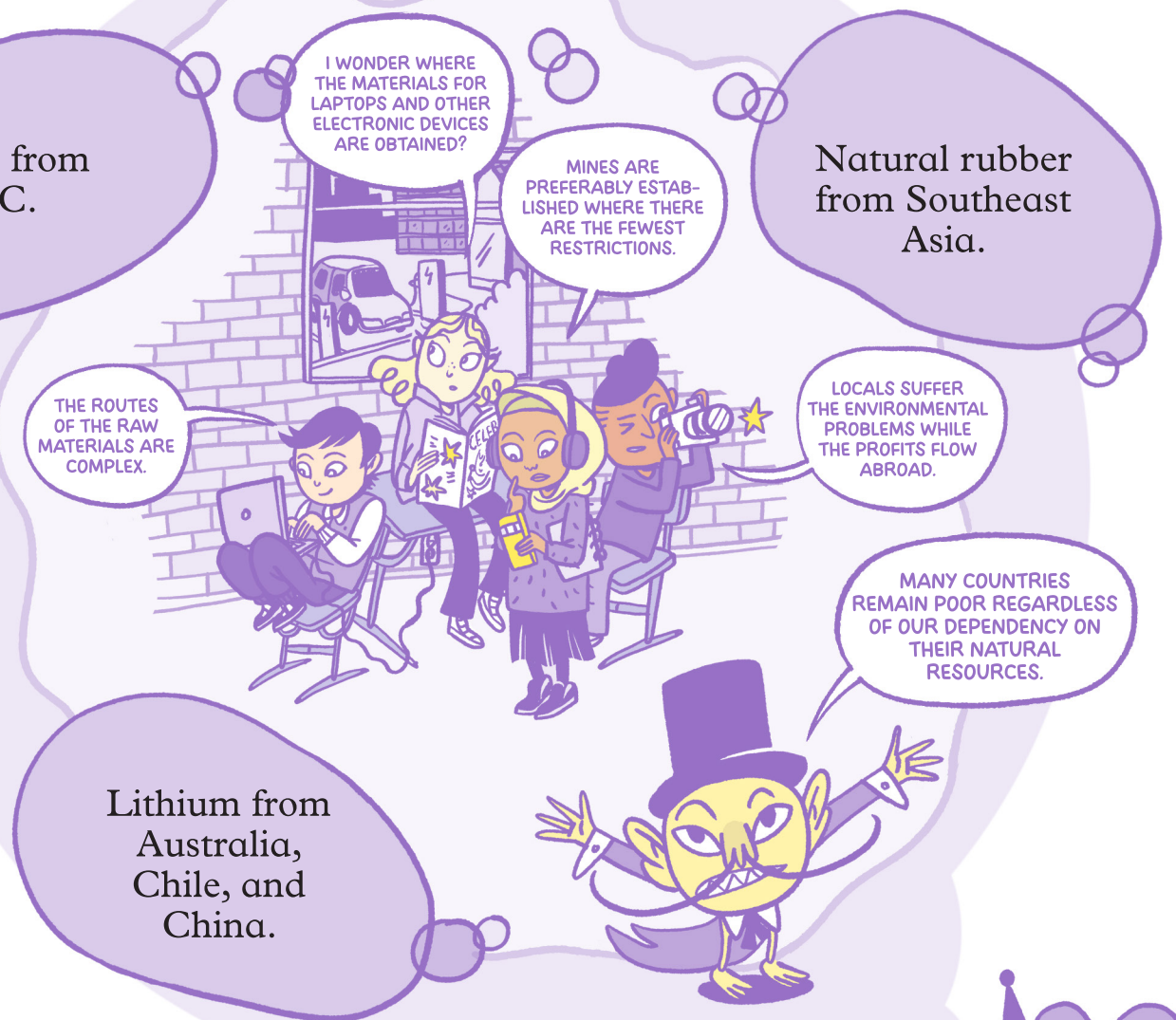




Cobalt from DRC.





In 1800,
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British rule extended to North America and later across the entire world. It was the largest empire in history.

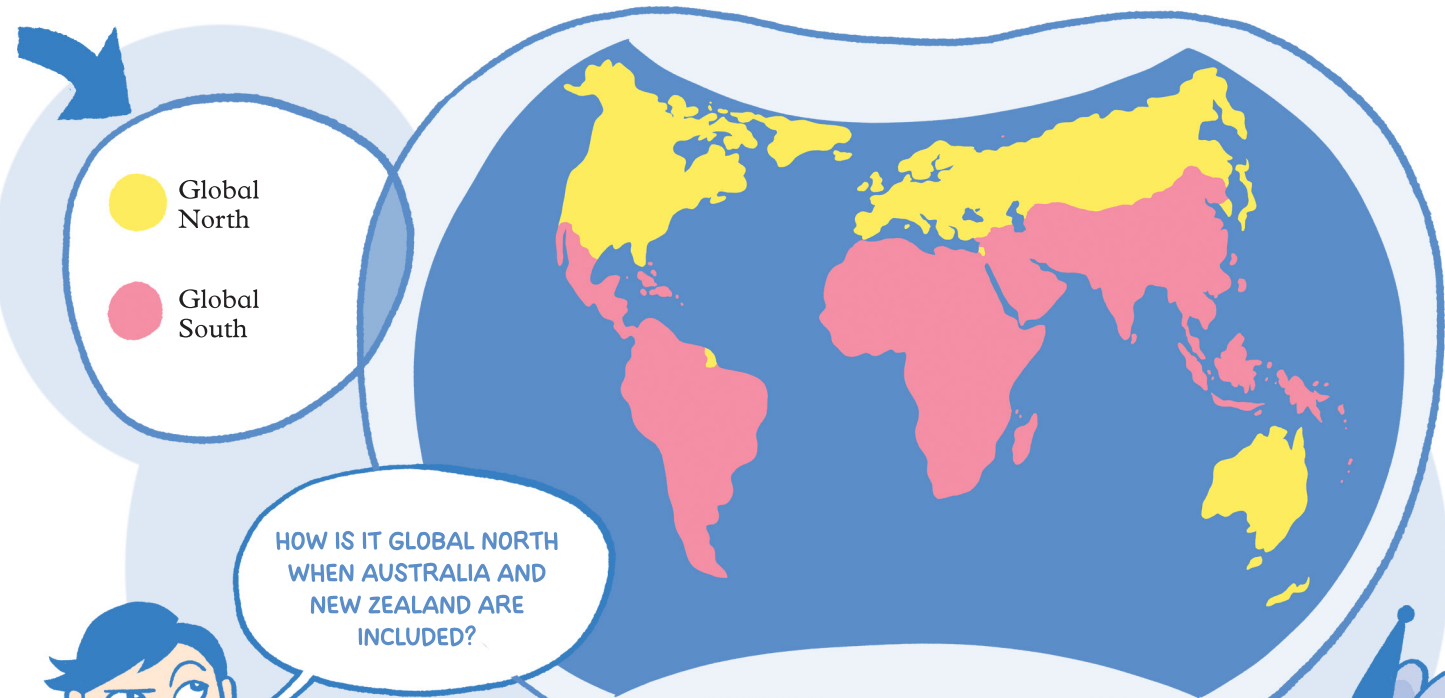
Colonial powers
in 1800

Colonial powers in 1800

Colonial powers in 1914

AN EMPIRE CONQUERS LANDS TO EXPAND ITS DOMAIN. A COLONIAL POWER CONTROLS OVERSEAS TERRITORIES BY EXPLOITING THEIR RESOURCES.





Global North

Global South

HOW IS IT GLOBAL NORTH WHEN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND ARE INCLUDED?

HERE, THE TERM REFERS TO THE CHARACTERISTICS OF SOCIETIES, WEALTH, AND POLITICS, NOT TO THEIR PHYSICAL LOCATION ON THE GLOBE...

...REGARDLESS OF ITS NAME.

English spread across all continents.

In Brazil, Portuguese is spoken, while Spanish is used in other parts of Latin America.

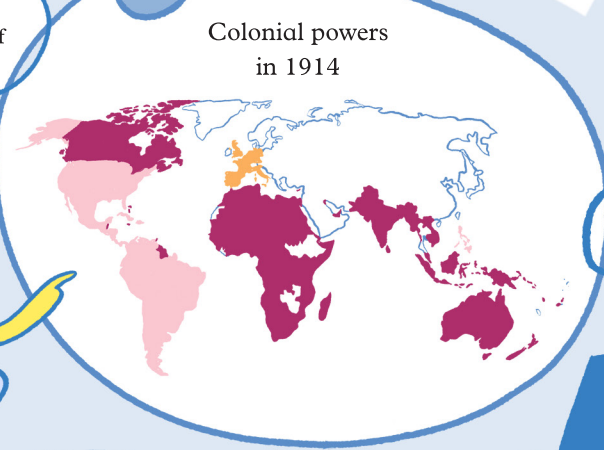
WITH OFFICIAL LANGUAGES, YOU CAN TRACE HISTORY.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE ARE WIDELY SPOKEN IN SOUTH AMERICA.

THE BRITS ALSO LEFT THEIR MARK HERE AND THERE...

...AS THEY HAD COLONIES FROM AUSTRALIA TO CANADA AND FROM MALAYSIA TO MALAWI.

THE WIDESPREAD USE OF ENGLISH IS ALSO LINKED TO THE SPREAD OF MOVIES AND TV, AS WELL AS THE INTERNET.



The conflict between Israel and Palestine has its roots in the colonial era. The Russian invasion of Ukraine is an example of imperialism.

Sudan is an example of a former British colony where problems pile up and reinforce each other.

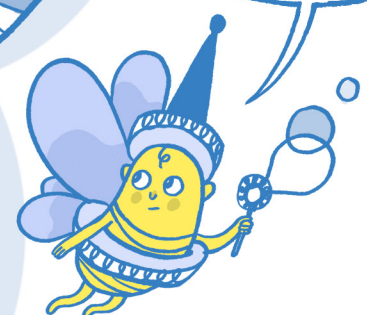
Colonial powers drew their own borders as they pleased, for example in the Congo.

Many of these borders remained in place after independence and continue to cause problems. The climate crisis further strains the countries' capacities.

ONCE AGAIN, SOME REGIONS ARE BEING TAKEN OVER BY AN EMPIRE...

... WITHOUT CARING WHAT LOCAL PEOPLE THINK.

SUDAN ALSO HAS ATTRACTIVE NATURAL RESOURCES AND A PERSISTANT STATE OF WAR.



Today, Finland is among the wealthiest countries in the world, a Nordic welfare state.

Factories were also built in Finland, first as part of Sweden and then as part of Russia. Following independence, Finland continued to industrialize.

THE WORLD HAS BECOME ONE BIG ARENA OF COMPETITION: MORE ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, AND WHATEVER HAPPENS TO BE TRENDING ARE BEING HOARDED.

PEOPLE OR STATES, IT DOESN'T MATTER, AS LONG AS THEY HAVE MORE THAN OTHERS.

GREED BECOMES A SPIRAL.

THE PROBLEMS GO UNNOTICED - OR ARE NOT WANTED TO BE SEEN.

... AND PEOPLE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THEY COULD LIVE DIFFERENTLY.

GREED AND JEALOUSY CAN BE USED TO SPARK WARS.

With the wealth accumulated under colonialism, factories were built. Fossil fuels are linked to colonialism.

The British triangular trade was at its height in the late 1700s.

Textiles, rum, and industrial products

Raw material for British industry: cotton, sugar and tobacco

Slaves, that is people against their will

People forced as slaves worked for free for their owners. For example, the wealth of the English and Americans grew thanks to the exploitation of slave labour.

BUT WHAT IF THE EUROPEANS JUST ARE THE WINNERS?

CERTAINLY NOT FAIR ONES! ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, CLIMATE CHANGE IS LINKED TO THIS DEVELOPMENT.

EXPLORE:

1 PATH OF COLONIALISM: FROM THE AGE OF COLONIAL RULE TO THE PRESENT DAY

2 PATH OF INDUSTRIALIZATION: FOLLOW THE MONEY

3 PATH OF MIGRATION: CLIMATE CHANGE FORCES PEOPLE TO MOVE

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Europeans extended their power to the world with firearms, ocean-going ships, soldiers, businessmen, and crowds of fortune hunters. Along with them came the plagues. They destroyed the resistance of many peoples in lands that the Europeans “discovered” and called “new”. The era of colonialism began.

Yksinvaltan aikamatka

Sana diktaattori on peräisin antiikin Roomasta. Se tarkoitti elur perin valtakuntaa itsevaltiasta, joka teki päätöksiä häätölanteissa. Julius Caesar oli ensimmäinen Rooman hallitsija, joka julistautui elinikäiseksi diktaattoriksi. Itsevaltaaan asemassa on riskinä. Pian julistuksen jälkeen lähimpin glimylet surmasivat Caesarin.

Vaikka Caesarin diktaatturi loppui lyhyeen, hänen myötään alkoi Rooman valtakunnan keisari aika. Seuraavina vuosisatoina vallassa olivat itsevaltiat. Roomasta tuli Välimerenpiirin supervaltia, jonka lonkerot leviytyivät Eurooppaan, jonne matkaa Aasiaan ja pitkin Pohjois-Afrikkaa. Orjat rakensivat kiviä ja sotivat kaleerilaivoja kohti valtakunnan ydintä eli Rooman kaupunkia, jonne sotien ja valloituksen tuotot rahdattiin. Antiikin Roomasta jäi jälkeen kestävä rauniot, joita ihailtiin ja ovat muisto väkivaltaisesta su

Kaivoksista jää pysyviä jälkiä kalliioihin, mutta roomalaisten metallinimo jätti jälkensä sinnekin, mihin ihmiset ja tavarat eivät matkanneet: Atlantin takana, Grönlannin mannerjäädssä erottuu roomalaisajan ilmansaasteet lyijypitoisena raitana.

LÄHDE: SUNGMIN HONG & ALI GREENLAND ICE EVIDENCE OF HEMISPHERIC LEAD POLLUTION TWO MILLIONIA AGO...

Aurinkokuningas Louis Dieudonné (eli Ludvig Jumalan antama), kuninkaana Louis tai Ludvig XIV, 1638-1715

YKSIKUNINKAIDEN TARINASSA YKSI IHMINEN ON TOISTEN YLÄPUOLELLA. HÄN ON OLEVINAAN JOTAIN, MITÄ KUKAAN MUU EI OLE.

MAAILMANVALLAN TARINASSA YKSI IHMISSUUKKO OTTAA OIKEUDEN PÄÄTTÄÄ MUIDEN FI

ikka, kahvi ja kaakao ovat veja. Niiden kaupalla tehtiin leen suuria rahoja, jotka a hallitsevien taskuihin

Louis XIV oli kuninkas Aurinkoon. Hän uskotteli ympäröivä paras maailmanjärjestys syntyy, kun k ympärillään. Aurinkokuningas nimisi jouk ja sotapäälliköitä, joiden oli oltava hänelle ehdottoman uskollisia. Hänen lippunsa alla purjehdittiin Amerikkaan ja Kaakontaan. Kuninkaan vaikutus siirtyi mantereelta toiselle – rikkaudet virtasivat Ranskaan ja kuninkaan holvelhin. Aurinkokuningas vei yksinvaltaisuden huippuunsa, mutta muutoksia oli luvassa.

Kuninkaan Ranskassa hallitsijan suosikit vaerastuivat, mutta kansa kärsi. Yhteiskunta koostui ihmiskerroksista, jossa suurella joukolla tavallisia ihmisiä oli vähän mahdollisuuksia vaikuttaa omaan elämäänsä. Pienellä joukolla aatelisia oli mahdollisuus sekoantua kaikkien asiain. Yhä useampi kysyi: 1700-luvulla, onko yksinvaltalalle perusteita. Vuosisadan alussa Ranskassa elettiin Aurinkokuningas loppupuolella val

Sugar cane, tobacco, coffee, and cocoa are the cash crops of the tropics. Their trade was and still is large sums of money that end up in the pockets of those who control their trade.

European colonial conquests affected the lives of millions of people around the world. They changed land use and disrupted local ways of life. The colonial period set in motion a series of events that have since accelerated into crises of the biosphere.

THOSE WHOSE WEALTH IS INCREASED BY THE INDUSTRY ARE THE MAIN CONTRIBUTORS TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

The problems caused by climate change are unevenly spread across the globe. For example, in Finland climate change is not yet as visible in everyday life as it is in hotter areas.

Wealthy people and countries may seek to postpone the effects, but this could just accelerate climate change.

A heating climate forces people to move, often within their own country but also abroad. Still, for example, people are not allowed to the EU as climate refugees.

THAT FEELS SO UNFAIR.

I DON'T WANNA BE A PART OF THAT!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT WILDFIRES AROUND THE WORLD?

THE SEA LEVEL RISES IN THE MALDIVES SIMILARLY TO OSTROBOTHNIA AND FLORIDA.

BUT WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING.

NOTHING AT ALL?

FORTUNATELY, NO ONE HAS TO CARRY THE WHOLE WORLD ON THEIR SHOULDERS ALONE.

IDEAS SPREAD WHEN WE TALK, ON SOCIAL MEDIA... EVERYONE PARTICIPATES IN THEIR OWN WAY.

Finnish passport in 2026

Afghan passport in 2026

PASSPORT IS ISSUED BY YOUR HOME COUNTRY OF WHICH YOU ARE A CITIZEN.

VISA IS DECIDED ON BY THE COUNTRY YOU TRAVEL TO.

WITH A FINNISH PASSPORT, YOU CAN GET TO 185 COUNTRIES WITHOUT A VISA.

WITH AN AFGHAN PASSPORT, YOU CAN TRAVEL TO 24 COUNTRIES WITHOUT A VISA.

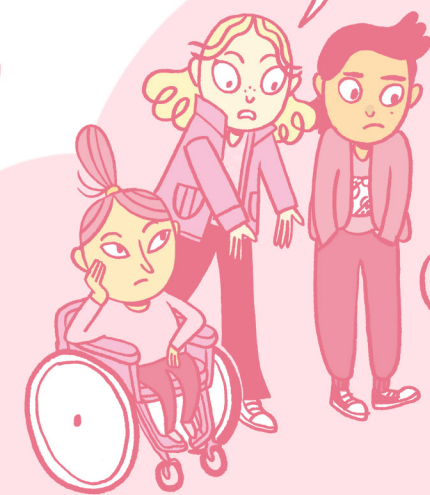
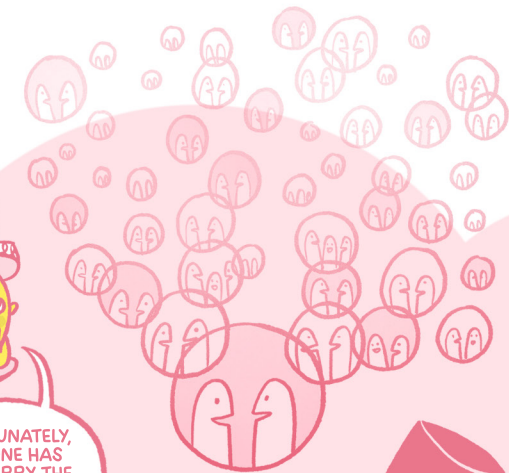
Finnish citizens have access to many countries with their passport, while Afghans need to apply for a visa almost everywhere. The conditions for obtaining a visa vary greatly.

You can't always get a passport. Reasons for being left without a passport: suspicion of a crime, military service, poverty, or not being able to access the authorities issuing passports.

Finnish nationality is, in a sense, a form of currency. With it come various rights, and travelling is easier than for citizens of many other countries.

States restrict people's movement from one country to another. The same rules do not apply to everyone.

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Being forced into slavery left lasting scars. Descendants of slaves were left to demand basic rights in their home countries.



European colonial powers grew rich at the expense of their colonies and forced people into slave labour.

AND IT WAS NOT JUST ABOUT RAW MATERIALS. COLONIAL POWERS ALSO USED PEOPLE AS A COMMODITY.



WHAT ARE THE REASONS FOR LEAVING?

TOWARDS THE GOOD, AWAY FROM THE BAD OR A LITTLE BIT OF BOTH?

PEOPLE HAVE LEFT EUROPE, FOR EXAMPLE, BECAUSE OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION, THE POTATO FAMINE, AND PENAL TRANSPORTATION.

FREEDOM AND WEALTH OVERSEAS ARE ATTRACTIVE.

THE FLIPSIDE OF LEAVING: SOME BECOME DISAPPOINTED WITH THEIR NEW LIVES, SUFFER FROM HOMESICKNESS, AND RETURN TO THEIR HOME COUNTRY.



People have moved from Europe to the so-called New World in the hope of finding a better life.

LANGUAGES AND POWER ARE CONNECTED...



IF MY GRAND-PARENTS SPOKE SÁMI, THE TEACHER COULD STRIKE THEIR FINGERS. IN THE 1960S!

Then again, colonial powers demand their subjects to learn their language.

Languages link with the formation of nation states.

... BUT LANGUAGES CAN ALSO BUILD BRIDGES. TELL US ABOUT YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS!



AT HOME WE SPEAK FRENCH AND SANGO, AT SCHOOL AND WITH FRIENDS WE USE FINNISH AND ENGLISH.

IN OUR FAMILY MULTIPLE LANGUAGES ARE USED TOO: ENGLISH, FINNISH AND ESPECIALLY WITH MY MUM, ALSO DARI.

I'M A FINNISH SPEAKER, BUT ONLINE I ALMOST ALWAYS USE ENGLISH.



North America changed when European immigrants pushed the indigenous peoples away and created a new kind of nation with new laws. Today, the United States is the richest country in the world followed by Europe as the richest economic region. Canada is also among the richest countries.

As a state, Finland can do a great deal to support poorer countries in lessening the effects of climate change. In this way, Finland carries shared responsibility for climate change that links with Finland's prosperity. Reducing these impacts is in everyone's best interest.

SUPPORT CAN INCLUDE PLANNING AND BUILDING WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND CLIMATE-ADAPTED HOUSING.

AND FINANCING CONSTRUCTION AS WELL!

OUR FAMILY ISN'T SUPER-RICH! WE DON'T FLY AROUND ON PRIVATE JETS...

BUT THE FINNISH WAY OF LIFE CONSUMES MORE NATURAL RESOURCES THAN THE EARTH CAN SUSTAIN.

Human rights include the right to remain in your home country, the right to leave, and the right to return. How are these rights fulfilled for people in different regions in the face of climate change?

NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO MOVE TO FINLAND IN HOPES OF BETTER LIFE.

BUT IF THERE'S DANGER IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY THEY MAY BE FORCED TO MOVE.

WHAT MAKES A GOOD HOME COUNTRY?

IS FINLAND AS GOOD A PLACE FOR EVERYONE?

WHERE WOULD YOU GO IF YOU COULD OR IF YOU HAD TO?

WHAT WOULD BE GOOD ABOUT THAT PLACE?

AND COULD THERE BE PROBLEMS THERE?

DOES IT MATTER? SOMEONE ELSE ALWAYS CONSUMES EVEN MORE.

SHOULDN'T WE FOCUS ON GETTING OUR OWN STUFF IN ORDER INSTEAD OF BLAMING OTHERS?

THEN IT'S EASIER TO DEMAND OTHERS TO JOIN IN.

AND IF YOU WANTED TO RETURN, HOW COULD THAT BE MADE SAFE?

A refugee is a person who is forced to leave their home country because they are persecuted, for example due to their religion or opinions. Refugees have come to Finland from many different countries. Climate refugees do not yet have the protection under international law.

WHERE CAN PEOPLE GO, AND WHAT CAN THEY DO IF THEY ARE NOT GIVEN A NEW CHANCE AS REFUGEES, AND IF IMPOVERISHED COUNTRIES ARE NOT SUPPORTED?



There are major differences in wealth both between individual people and between entire states. The richest states are best able to adapt to a heating climate.

IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH, PEOPLE SUFFER FROM THE CLIMATE CRISIS EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T CONSUME MUCH.

THEY ARE IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION WHEN IT COMES TO CRISES.

FINNS ARE ALSO PRIVILEGED IN RELATION TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS.

THERE'S STABILITY AND RESOURCES TO ADAPT...



IT MAY BE THAT WE CAN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE, FOR EXAMPLE, UNDER THE THREAT OF HURRICANES.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO PEOPLE'S EXPERIENCES.

MAYBE THEY JUST GET PLAYED DOWN WHEN THOSE THINGS FEEL HARD.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S FAIR...

FORTUNATELY, WE'VE GOT THINGS PRETTY GOOD HERE...

I WOULDN'T REALLY WANT TO THINK ABOUT THIS, MAKES ME FEEL SO BAD...



Well, what should be done then?

DO YOU REMEMBER THAT PART IN THE LORD OF THE RINGS, WHERE FRODO WISHES HE HAD BEEN BORN IN A DIFFERENT TIME?

MEANING HE WOULDN'T WANT TO BE PART OF THE WHOLE RING BUSINESS. GANDALF SAYS SOMETHING LIKE WE CAN'T CHOOSE THE TIME WE LIVE IN, BUT WE DO HAVE POWER OVER OUR OWN ACTIONS.

When drought makes it difficult to farm and you can't survive in the countryside, people tend to move to cities. For example, Dhaka in Bangladesh and Lagos in Nigeria have grown into some of the world's largest cities. Families may also end up separated because of forced migration.

WE'RE PART OF POW.

NOT EVERYONE WANTS TO TAKE PART IN DEMONSTRATIONS OR STUFF LIKE THAT.

BUT HEY GROWN-UPS, IT'S ABOUT OUR FUTURE.

SOMETIMES IT FEELS LIKE THEY JUST AVOID THE WHOLE SUBJECT WHEN THEY'RE FACED WITH DIFFICULT QUESTIONS.

BETTER VIRAL TRUTHS THAN SOME HOGWASH.

YOU DON'T NEED TO HAVE ANSWERS TO EVERYTHING.

BUT IT'S STILL IMPORTANT TO HAVE THE COURAGE TO SPEAK.

AND TO STAND UP FOR RELIABLE INFORMATION.

RIGHT! I CAN'T SEE WHY RESEARCHERS WOULD LIE ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE.

WHEN THE CLIMATE CHANGES, PEOPLE MOSTLY MOVE WITHIN THEIR HOME COUNTRY.

