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*Ramayana and Indian Geo Culture
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Kaikeyi

Ayodhya, UP

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Values-

- Be careful of temptations-*
 - Keikeyi's maid convinced her to exile her stepson Rama otherwise he would gain power instead of her son Bharata.
- Don't put Greed over family-*
 - At first Keikeyi was loving and generous, but then she became greedy for power.



Facts about this region-

- Ayodhya is one of the most sacred places to visit in India. It is popular for its history, stories, beautiful temples, and legends surrounding Ramayan.
- Some of the famous foods in Ayodhya are samosa, chaat, litti chokha. There is only vegetarian food and no fancy restaurants.



Aarush

Character-Dasharatha

- Dasharatha was the king of Ayodhya.
- He had 3 wives called Kaikeyi, Sumitra and Kausalya. What I learned from
- Dasharatha is that you should always keep your word no matter what happens afterward.

Place- East India

- In east India they eat a lot of food.
- Some foods are Rasgulla, Dalma and Thukpa.

Prince Sugriva



Sugriva is the monkey prince who is also the younger brother of Vali. He was prince of Kishkinda. His advisor is Hanuman. Sugriva was weak. One day Vali was challenged by an almighty warrior named Maavaayi. Maavaayi was a very skilled warrior. While Vali and Maavaayi were fighting Vali went into a cave and Vali told Sugriva to stay outside and wait for him to come out. After a few months there was a puddle of blood coming from the cave. Sugriva was scared and thought that Maavaayi killed Vali. So Sugriva blocked the cave entrance with a giant boulder. He went back to Kishkinda to tell that Vali died so Sugriva took place as king for Vali. When Vali came back he was really mad. Sugriva got banished from Kishkinda so he went to hide in the Dandaka forests. That is Sugriva's story

Amritsar

Amritsar has many festivals such as Lohri which is celebrated in northern India in the month of January. Lohri is celebrated to end Winter and to welcome the sun back. It is celebrated by Hindus and Sikhs, On the day of Lohri, kids fly kites during the day and in the evening people light fire, sing prayers and dance around it.

Amritsar is also famous for its historical Golden Temple, which is the place of worship in the city. There is non stop food, langar service that is open to all who visit the temple.



Agastya

From Ramayana I like Rama because

- He was obedient. When Kaikeyi asked him to go to forest he did. b.
- He was caring. He took care of Sita when in the forest.
- He was Strong. he lifted a heavy bow.

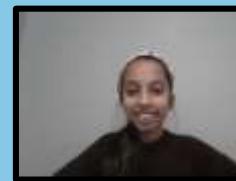


I would like to talk about South Indian state of Andhra Pradesh

- People speak Telugu. Telugu is called Italian of the east.
- My grandparents live there.
- Sankranti is celebrated in South India.



Character from Ramayana



South Indian Temple

**Lord Rama**

Lord Rama is one of the most famous incarnations of vishnu.

- **Lord Rama** represents chivalry and virtue. He holds a arrow in his **right hand** and a bow in his **left hand**
- **Lord Rama** slays the demon - king of **Lanka**, named Ravana.
- And rescues his wife Sita.
- I chose to talk about **Lord Rama** Because He was very brave and always does what is right.

**Venkateswara Temple**

Also known as **Tirupati**, located in **Andhra Pradesh**

- 40 million pilgrims come to visit this temple every year.
- This Temple is dedicated to **Lord Vishnu**
- It was built almost 2,000 years ago in the year **300 A.D.**
- When **devotees** visit the temple they shave their hair as a sacrifice.
- I chose this temple because it is dedicated to **Lord Vishnu** and **Lord Rama** is one of the avatars of **Lord Vishnu**

Arjun

- I chose the god Rama. Rama is the first son of Dasaratha and he was raised in the kingdom Ayodhya.
- Rama is a good person.
- He is one of the avatars of Vishnu.
- I learned from him that you should always stay devoted.
- Rama was from the North part of India.
- Something Unique about his region is there are 7 major rivers the Indus, Brahmaputra, Narmada, Tapi, Godavari, Krishna and Mahanadi.
- Some clothes women wear in the northern part of India are salwar kameez, ghagra choli, sari and phiran.
- Some clothes men wear in the Northern part of India are kurta, achkan, kameez and sherwani. Some North Indian food are Chapti, Paneer, and Chana Misala.
- Some Festivals they celebrate are Holi, Dussehra, and Diwali.

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Character - Sugriva

- I chose Sugriva because he was very clever, but he was also disloyal to his brother Vali.
- I think Sugriva was clever because he went to the Rsyamuka mountain, where he knows Vali is cursed to stay away from.
- I think Sugriva was disloyal to his brother because he went and asked Rama to shoot Vali with an arrow. I do not think that it was fair that Sugriva asked Rama, who is very strong to shoot his brother.



State - Jharkhand (East India)

- Culture depends on: Life styles, festivals, rituals, music, language, literature etc.
- The largest tribal settlement in Jharkhand is the Santal tribal community. They speak a language called Santhali.
- “The staple food of Jharkhand people is rice and wheat.”
“The main items which form a part of the daily menu are: pulkha(puffed up chapati), rice, dal, sabji and pickles of different varieties.



Ramayan a Lakshman



India:
Bihar/Nepal



Saanya Patel

Lakshmana is Lord Rama's younger brother

- **Sacrifice:** He joined his brother in exile to the forest. He did not care about riches and comfort.
- **Loyalty:** He always protected his brother and Sita. He did not leave their side in hard times.



Significance: Mithila is Sita's Birthplace

- Mithila is the place where Sita was adopted and raised.
- Mithila is also the same place in which Ram won Sita in the Swayamvar. (Competition in India for the Bride).
- Janaki Mandir is a temple in Mithila to honor Sita in Mithila

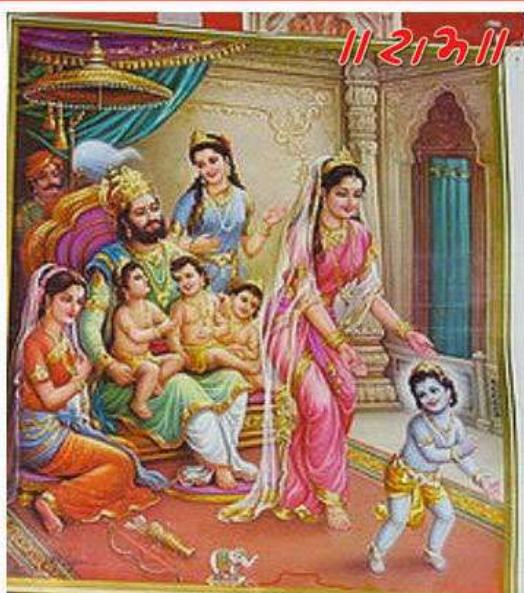
King Dasharatha

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King Dasharatha was the king of Ayodhya. He was a great warrior and king.

King Dasharatha had three wives. He had 4 sons and 1 daughter. Their names were Rama, Bharat, Laxman, Shatruघna, and Shanta.

King Dasharatha loved his family and was an honorable king. He was forced to keep promises he made to his wife, KeiKei a long time ago. She wanted her son, Bharat to become king instead of Rama who was the eldest of the sons. She also wanted Rama to be banished into the forest for 14 years. He had to honor her wishes even though it broke his heart to do so.



Punjab (Northwest Region of India)

Punjabi & Hindi are the languages spoken.

Lohri is a festival to celebrate harvest season and happy occasions such as the birth of a child or a wedding.

A popular dance coming from Punjab is Bhangra. It is a known dance form throughout the world.

Makki (corn) Roti, Saag (spinach), and ghee are popular dishes from Punjab





Rama is a hero of Ramayana. He is another form of lord Vishnu, the preserver. He is a great son and a beloved prince. I admire Rama because he represents good in human beings.

Bangalore, South India

I chose Bangalore because my mom is from there. I love Karnataka food such as dosa, ragi mudde, and Holige (sweet chapati).

