



# Myanmar/Burma

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# Burma is located in Southeast Asia



- Myanmar is located in the northern hemisphere
- It's near the equator, so the climate is tropical.
- It is home to Southeast Asia's highest peak, Hkakabo Razi, which is located in Kachin State.
- The country borders China, India, Thailand, Laos, and Bangladesh.
- It has 2 lakes, Indawgyi Lake, which is the largest, and Inle, which is the smaller one.

# Burmese history

- Burma used to be a kingdom
- It was colonized by the British in 1885
- Burma won its independence in 1974
- The military has been in control for 68 years, but in 2015, NLD (National League of Democracy) won the election with their leader Aung San Suu Kyi.
- In 2020, NLD won again, but the military seized power by detaining Aung San Suu Kyi and other leaders. Millions of people came out to protest against the military coups. This is happening in Burma right now.



# Burmese culture

- Burmese New Year starts on April 13th and runs for 5 days. It is celebrated by pouring water. They do that to cleanse all the bad things you may have done in the past year, and get a fresh start. The festival is shared between Thailand and Laos.
- Myanmar has roughly 135 ethnic group within the 7 states and 7 divisions. They each have their own traditions and culture. The water festival is done by many, but not all.
- It is typical that all the family members in a household eat together. The youngest member has to serve their elders before they can eat.
- The dominant religion is Buddhism. People have built pagodas to go and worship. Shwedagon Pagoda is the most popular Pagoda, and landmark in Burma. It is 2,500 years old, and plated with gold.
- Thanaka is a Burmese traditional makeup. It's made from Thanaka tree bark. The bark is ground with water on a stone to make paste. It is applied to the whole body, and protects your skin against the sun and insects.



# Things I like best about Burma.

- Weather around December. Locals wear heavy coats and gloves in the 70° weather.
- The best quality of Jade and Ruby come from Burma, and a jade bracelet can be as cheap as a dollar.
- The people are very hospitable and generous.
- The traditional food is very delicious, especially since the ingredients are always fresh.
- The whole vibe of the rural parts of Burma is very pleasant.



# How does Fishers Junior High benefit from having families from this country as a part of our school and community?

- FJH benefits from having families from different countries because it is a huge chance to learn about different cultures and how they may have influenced American culture.

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