

GREENLAND AND ICELAND



Monday Mini Lesson





Greenland

- Located in Northeastern North America across Baffin Bay from Canada
- 64 N, 51 W
- Largest island in the world

LOCATION



Iceland

- Island nation in Northwest Europe across the Norwegian Sea from Norway
- 64 N, 21 W
- Volcanic island
- Second largest island in Europe



Greenland

- Earliest inhabitants were Inuit tribes
- Settled by Vikings
- Norse settlers swore allegiance to king of Norway in 1261
- Little Ice Age began around 1300 causing poor conditions for living and farming
- Claimed for Denmark in 1605 by King Christian IV (still territory of Denmark)

HISTORY



Iceland

- Settled originally by Celtic and Norwegian peoples
- Came under Danish rule in 1380
- Population reduced in 1700s due to plagues and volcanic eruption
- Became Republic of Iceland in 1944 after being occupied by Germany and then invaded by Britain.



Greenland

- Capital-Nuuk
- Population-57,728
- Area-836,330 sq mi (3x bigger than Texas)
- Literacy Rate-100%
- IMR-9/1000
- Life Expectancy-69 male, 73 female

BASIC FACTS



Iceland

- Capital-Reykjavik
- Population-317,351
- Area-39,769 sq mi
- Literacy Rate-99%
- IMR-3/1000
- Life expectancy-81 male, 84 female



LAND AND CLIMATE



Greenland

- Mostly covered by a large ice cap
- Coasts covered by ice much of the time
- Southern Greenland temperatures average 21°F in the winter and 45°F in the summer
- Northern lights often visible

Iceland

- Averages one volcanic eruption every five years.
- Small earthquakes common
- Average summer temperature is 51°F and average winter temperature is 30°F
- Polar winds can cause colder temperatures at any time of the year



Greenland

- All people live near the coast
- Has lowest pop. density in the world
- Official language is Greenlandic which replaced Danish in 2009
- Danish is still commonly spoken
- Evangelical Lutheran Church is Greenland's main religion

PEOPLE



Iceland

- Two thirds of people live in Reykjavik
- Official language is Icelandic though people are taught English and Danish in school
- Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland is the largest religion
- Long work week with relatively low wages

CURRENCY

Greenland

- Danish krone
- 1 US dollar=6.96 Danish krone



Iceland

- Icelandic króna
- 1 US dollar=136.58 Icelandic króna



VACATIONING

Greenland

- Flight from SLC to Nuuk costs \$1,640 (one way)
- 42 hours of travel time
- Layovers in New York, and Reykjavik



Iceland

- Flight from SLC to Reykjavik costs \$944 (one way)
- 14 hours travel time
- Layover in New York



WHAT TO DO

Greenland

- Snowsports
- Dog sledding
- Cruises/Whale watching
- Kayaking
- Northern lights



Iceland

- Volcanos
- Ice caves
- Northern lights
- Waterfalls



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