

# GET TO KNOW FINLAND

*Spring 2021*



# Moi! Kuka sä oot?

*Hi! Who are you?*

Let's get to know each other!

Moi! **Mun nimi on** Maija. Mikä sun nimi on?

*Hi! My name is Maija. What is your name?*

Introduce yourself shortly (try it in Finnish! 😊) and discuss with your group:

Why did you come to Finland?

Have you had any experience with Finland before?

What did you know about Finland beforehand?

→ Write some key words about your discussion on FLINGA:

→ <https://flinga.fi/s/FWCU7XD>

# Course info

*Time:* 22.1.-19.2.2021

*Place:* **Zoom**

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Lesson 1: History and Cultural Competence 22.1.

Lesson 2: Culture and communication 29.1.

Lesson 3: The Finnish Way of Life 5.2.

Lesson 4: Finnish Society and Education 12.2.

Lesson 5: Finnish Art & Nature + Presentations 19.2.

**One** absence is allowed.

# Working methods

Discussion

Lectures

Group work

Pre-tasks

Homework

Extra material

Assignments: Pre-tasks, presentations, city tour,  
and final essay

Course page on *MyCourses*: Course info,  
materials, tasks, Zoom link

# Assignments

Assignment 1: Presentation

Due on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Assignment 2: City Tour Task

Due on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

Final Essay: Cross-cultural journal

Due on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

*Assignment 2 and the Journal are submitted on MyCourses.*

# Finnish history

## Pre-tasks: Reading

**Video:** A Super Quick History of Finland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0SykybyJbU>

## Group work:

1) **Fill in the timeline**

2) **Discuss:**

What did you already know about Finland's history?

What was new to you?

What did you find especially interesting?

What do Finland and your home country share regarding history? What is different?

## Pre-tasks for lesson 2:

- 1) Do the Cultural dimensions test (see instructions on MyCourses)
- 2) Watch the video [Cross cultural communication](#) (section 8:15-11:10). You don't have to watch the whole video.
- 3) Read the articles
  - What are you doing here?
  - Finnish silence can be golden