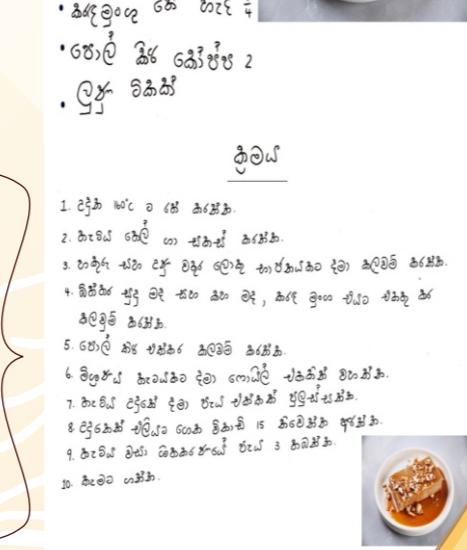
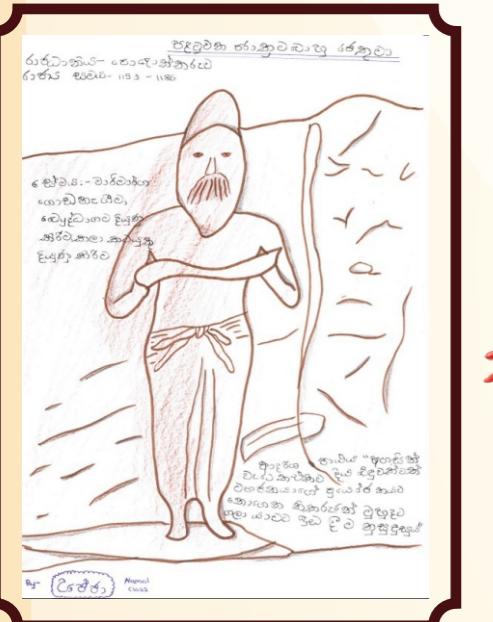
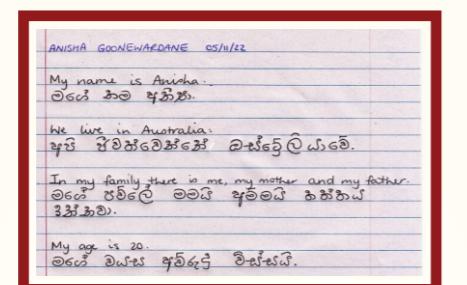
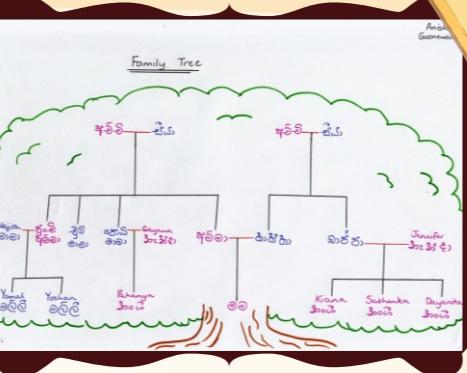
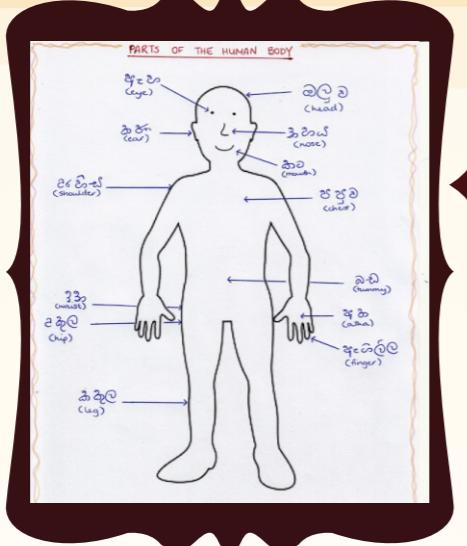


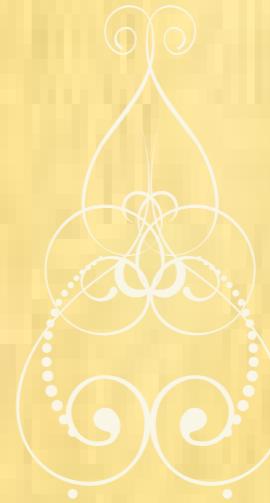
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The Gadget from the Attic

It was a beautiful day at the Smith's house. It was my 10th birthday and the house was decorated to look like Hogwarts. I'm Richard Smith by the way, the birthday boy. My friends call me Ricky. There were various objects hanging up on the ceiling with extremely thin strings; robot spiders with fangs, venom extracted from real spiders and jet propulsion powered broomsticks. Around this time I was expecting party guests. I had invited a few friends Michael, Adam, Robert and Aidan. Finally, at 9:15 am the guests arrived. We started to eat party food and handed out the presents.

"Woof woof" barked Whitey, our dog. We chased after him and cornered him at the attic stairs.

"You have an attic!" Adam sounded surprised and "attics are cool", he added with a lot of excitement. Michael, Robert and I agreed but Aidan wasn't so sure.

"Who knows what we'd find there..." he asked.

We told him, there was only one way to find that out. So, we went up to the attic to look around. Just some old clothes and stuff I loved when I was 2 years old.

"What's that?" said a voice, breaking through my thoughts. My eyes drifted to the gadget lying on the ground. It had an off and on button and a dial labeled 1 to 10. There was a label saying "will not change strength". We took a while to test everything out until we just messed it up.

We all shrank down but we didn't become big again. We looked at the gadget closely. We found a gauge labeled fuel pointing to zero. We all had enough reasons to panic. But, we knew we needed to stay calm if we were to find a way out of this. I knew that the batteries were in the study room. Which meant we had to get down the attic stairs, through the kitchen and then through my study. The problem of getting down the attic stairs solved itself with Mum's long forgotten surfboard. The kitchen, however, would be much harder as the items hung up from strings were snapping and to be hit would mean death. There was another option. We could scale the mountain-like kitchen top and face a moderate chance of death. The others seemed to think that it was the better option. So we went!

It was a horrible journey. Adam nearly died from torrential drips of water but somehow we got up.

"Phew, that was close" I said. That we all agreed on and we would for years to come. But now is not the time to worry about that, I thought. Ahead of us was an arrangement of pitchforks, clubs and swords (forks, spoons and knives). On top of the cavalry of cutlery were hundreds of massive ants fighting for scraps. Luckily they didn't take any notice of us as we walked by them. Now we just had to get to the study room. The batteries were on the very back of the desk. We used our expert climbing skills from earlier to get up there to the batteries and quite soon we were at normal size.

I ran to my parents and gave them a big hug. It had felt like hours since I'd seen them even if it was only minutes. We told them everything about our adventure including getting soaked by massive drops of water and watching ginormous ants eating leftovers off our cutlery. My mom just told me that one day I could become a famous book writer with an imagination like mine. And many years after, now I did. And here's a secret; Not all my stories are made up.

- by Reshan Amadoru

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Sigiriya

Location: Central Province, Sri Lanka

Coordinates: 07°57'25"N 80°45'35"E

Elevation: 349m (1,145 ft)

Built for: King Kashyapa of Sri Lanka

Website: www.sigiriyafortress.com

Official Name: Ancient City of Sigiriya

Type: Cultural

Sigiriya or Sinhagiri is an ancient rock fortress located in the northern Matale District near the town of Dambulla in the Central Province, Sri Lanka. It is a site of historical and archaeological significance that is dominated by a massive column of granite rock approximately 180 m (590 ft) high.



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Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic

Location: Kandy, Sri Lanka

Coordinates: 7°17'38"N 80°38'19"E

Affiliation: Buddhism

Founder: King Vimaladhammasuri I

Website: <http://www.sridaladamaligawa.lk>

Designated: 1988

Type: Cultural

The Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic or Sri Dalada Maligawa is a Buddhist temple in Kandy, Sri Lanka. It is located in the royal palace complex of the former Kingdom of Kandy, which houses the relic of the tooth of the Buddha. The relic was historically held by Sinhalese kings. The temple of the tooth is a World Heritage Site mainly due to the temple and the relic.



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Nuwara Eliya

City: Nuwara Eliya

Nick Name: Little England

Coordinates: 6°58'0"N 80°46'0"E

Location: Central Province, Sri Lanka

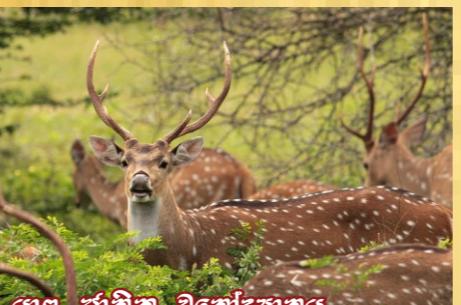
District: Nuwara Eliya District

Area (Urban): 13 Km² (5 sq mi)

Elevation: 1,868 m (6,129 ft)

Population: City - 27,500
Density - 3,197/km² (8,280/sq mi)

Nuwara Eliya is a city in the hill country of the Central Province, Sri Lanka. Its name means "city on the plain (table land)" or "city of light". The city is the administrative capital of Nuwara Eliya District, with a picturesque landscape and temperate climate. It is at an altitude of 1,868 m (6,128 ft) and is considered to be the most important location for tea production in Sri Lanka. The city is overlooked by Pidurutalagala, the tallest mountain in Sri Lanka. Nuwara Eliya is known for its temperate, cool climate – the coolest area in Sri Lanka.



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Yala National Park

Location: Southern and Uva Province

Coordinates: 6°22'22"N 81°31'01"E

Type: Defence Fort

Built: 1584 and 1684

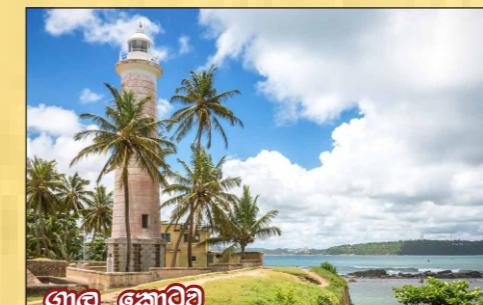
Built by: Portuguese and Dutch

Established: 1900 (Wildlife Sanctuary)

1938 (National Park)

Website: www.yalarislanka.lk

Yala (යාලා) National Park is the most visited and second largest national park in Sri Lanka, bordering the Indian Ocean. The park consists of five blocks, with three of which are open to the public. There are also two adjoining parks, Kumana National Park or 'Yala East' and Lunugamvehera National Park. The blocks have individual names, such as Ruhuna National Park. It is an important conservation of Sri Lankan elephants, Sri Lankan leopards and aquatic birds.



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Galle Fort

Coordinates: 6.025833°N 80.2175°E

Type: Defence Fort

Built: 1584 and 1684

Built by: Portuguese and Dutch

Materials: Granite Stones & Coral

Battles/Wars: Siege of Galle (1640)

Galle Fort in the Bay of Galle on the southwest coast of Sri Lanka, was built first in 1584 by the Portuguese, then extensively fortified by the Dutch during the 17th century from 1649 onwards. It is a historical, archaeological and architectural heritage monument, which even after more than 432 years maintains a polished appearance, due to extensive reconstruction work done by Archaeological Department of Sri Lanka.

The city was founded by Samuel Baker, the explorer of Lake Albert and the upper Nile in 1846. Nuwara Eliya's climate lent itself to becoming the prime sanctuary of the British civil servants and planters in Ceylon. Nuwara Eliya, called Little England, was a hill country retreat where the British colonialists could immerse themselves in their pastimes such as fox hunting, deer hunting, elephant hunting, polo, golf and cricket.

Due to its highland location, Nuwara Eliya has a subtropical highland climate (Köppen climate classification Cfb), having no pronounced dry season, a monsoon-like cloudy season and with a mean annual temperature of 16 °C (61 °F).

