Sweden

Digital Resources and Children’s Books

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Kid-Friendly YouTube Clips:

Introducing Sweden:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GDQZbz9k9UM
The History of Sweden:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5lcvYyEdccq
Geography of Sweden by County:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ynx7RFU8LLg
Cultural Attitudes of Swedes:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=djFx6j0E9rU
Swedish Midsummer Festival:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6SC8ccxX-44
End of Summer Crayfish Party:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgkXF-0SovM
Christmas St. Lucia for Dummies:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lqxZS4mWSrw
Traditional Sami (First People) Song:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A4Fldf8_Yzw
Swedish Song on the Traditional Nyckelharpa:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=38G1uYgU7_A
Edvard Grieg, Peer Gynt Suite #1:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vj7vHmejrPA
The Story of the Painted Dala Horse:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SVRrt6dMaYc
History, Symbolism and How to do Swedish Folk Paintings, Kurbits:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgaLdeg5V8s
Salt on a Magpie’s Tail, A Swedish Folktale:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F62mXlenUBE
What you should eat in Sweden:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07_WyfBdDHQ
The Swedish Moomins Opening Theme:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5CkePdaT_4
Learn Swedish Words for Animals:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fStyL9onm_c
Websites:

Sweden Overview: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sweden

The Swedish Monarchy: https://sweden.se/society/the-swedish-monarchy/#

Introduction to the Sami People: http://boreale.konto.itv.se/samieng.htm

Swedish Literature: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Swedish_literature

Astrid Lindgren, author of “Pippi Longstocking”. When she spoke, people listened! https://sweden.se/culture-traditions/astrid-lindgren-spoke-people-listened/#


Who was Karl Linnaeus? https://www.linnean.org/learning/who-was-linnaeus

25 Landmarks of Swedish Architecture: https://sweden.se/culture-traditions/swedish-architecture/

Glassworks in the Kingdom of Crystal: https://www.glasriket.se/en/The-Glassworks

10 Swedish Dishes: https://sweden.se/culture-traditions/10-things-to-know-about-swedish-food/


What are Swedish Moomins? https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moomins

Lesson Plans:

Sweden, Teacher Resources: http://www.lessonplanet.com/lesson-plans/sweden


Sweden, Activities, Recipes and Books: https://www.pinterest.com/pin/279082508134893914/

Christmas in Sweden, TeachersPayTeachers: https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Browse/Search:christmas%20in%20sweden

Pinterest Sweden Freebie: https://www.pinterest.com/pin/22224562843345592/

Magazine about the Sami: *Great info and pictures for teachers* http://www.samer.se/2137
### Children’s Books:

| Title: Lucia Morning in Sweden  
| Author: Ewa Rydaker  
| Grade: K-5th  
| Publisher: Nordin Press  
| ISBN: 1935666657  
| Summary: In the busy house of the Svennson family, everyone is getting ready for the Swedish holiday of Lucia Day, December 13. The book tells the story of Santa Lucia through the eyes of three children in modern-day Sweden. It describes music, recipes, and sewing patterns for the costumes traditionally worn by children on this day, when many Swedish people celebrate the legacy of Lucia and the coming of the light with coffee, saffron buns, ginger snaps, and wonderful singing. |

| Title: The Queen’s Necklace: A Swedish Folktale  
| Author: Jane Langton & Ilse Plume  
| Grade: K-4th  
| Publisher: Hyperion  
| ISBN: 9780786800117  
| Summary: Based on a Swedish literary fairy tale, "Drottningens halsband," cruel King Hendrik orders his nephew Prince Nils to find him a bride worthy to wear his beautiful necklace of 100 pearls. Kind and gentle, his new queen, Blanzeflor, cannot stand the suffering of her poor subjects. So, one by one, she gives away the beautiful pearls to alleviate their ills. When her cruel husband discovers her "treachery," he demands her head. Magically, friendly birds appear with the pearls. |

| Title: In Here, Out There! In Här, Ut Där!  
| Author: Philipp Winterberg  
| Grade: Pre K-3rd  
| Publisher: Create Space Independent Publishing  
| ISBN: 1515293874  
| Summary: Bilingual Edition English-Swedish. When the neighbor complains, Ruby teases and the kindergarten teacher keeps nagging, Joseph couldn't care less. Luckily, you have two ears: one for in and one for out. There is only one person in the world that Joseph listens to ... Sometimes it’s best to ignore and not listen to insults. The importance to being unapologetically you. |
| Title: D is for Dala Horse: A Nordic Countries ABC  
Author: Kathy-Jo Wargin  
Grade: K-5th  
Publisher: Sleeping Bear Press  
ISBN: 9781410307507  
Summary: Visit Sweden's lively Jokkmokk Winter Market which draws visitors from around the world, or sample the tasty fare of a Swedish smorgasbord. D is for Dala Horse: A Nordic Countries Alphabet gives young readers an A-Z tour. |
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| Title: Scandinavian Legends and Folk-tales  
Author: Gwyn Jones  
Grade: K-5th  
Publisher: Oxford Press  
ISBN: 0192741500  
Summary: Here are stories from Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Sweden. Some are funny, some romantic, and some heroic. Princes and trolls, wolves, swans and mysterious white bears, all come alive in the telling. |
| Title: Cultural Traditions in Sweden  
Author: Natalie Hyde  
Grade: K-6th  
Publisher: Crabtree Publishing Company  
ISBN: 0778780643  
Summary: Learn all about the holidays and cultural festivals celebrated in Sweden. This book features fun facts about the unique festivals of the ancient Sami people, how the Swedish royal family is honored, and what traditional foods are eaten. |