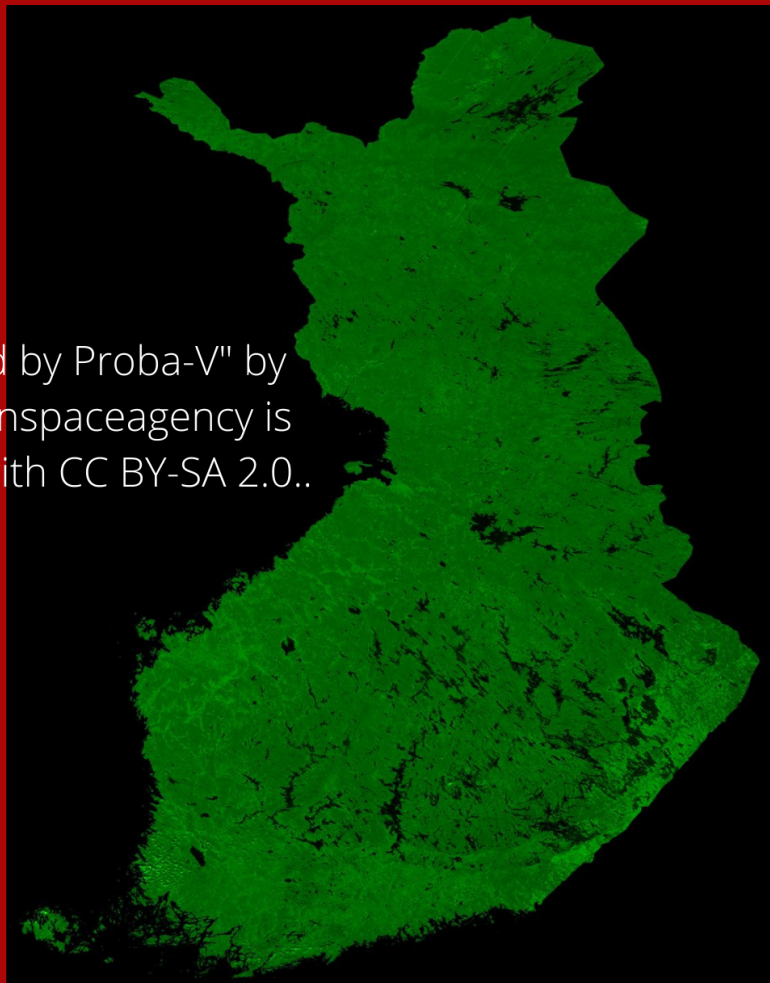


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I love creating unit studies to help provide a rich world to explore. I don't view learning as something finite, or that has an end, so I don't worry about finishing or doing everything. But I love finding a lot of resources for my kids to explore, without the worksheets or quizzes. If you're looking for worksheets, you're going to be disappointed, but if you want diverse lists of resources: books, movies, documentaries, TV shows, websites, and subscriptions, then this unit study is for you. Please do not feel that your child needs to read every book or watch every movie. There are picture books, comic books, early readers, and chapter books of a variety of lengths, so some books will not be appropriate for your child. The same goes for the rest of the resources. Pick and choose what is available to you, what you think your child will enjoy, and what will help the unit study be successful for you. At the same time, don't be afraid to substitute; this is by no means an exhaustive list. Also note that the books can be read by the child, either in print or on an e-reader, read by the caregiver to the child, or listened to by the child as an audiobook. Whatever works for your child is fine.

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Some subscriptions my family has used during our country unit studies, and what I think of them:

[Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels](#) - this is by far my favorite subscription we've gotten. It's a monthly letter that comes with four different recipes, each from a different country or location.

[Little Passports](#) - We got this for two years and kept everything, so you'll see I include it in some of the unit studies. It's recently been revised, and looks really cool now. There is a letter, but also a worksheet and one recipe. Each month is from a different country, and comes with a small toy or activity.

[Around the World Stories](#) - If you have auditory learners, this is excellent! Four ~30-minute stories from each of the countries they feature. However, they seem to have stopped creating new stories part way through Asia, so you might want to be cautious about purchasing the Asia stories.

[Letters from Afar](#) - we do not have this subscription service, but if I can find out what countries they have included, I will include them in my unit studies, as I have heard nothing but amazing things from them.

[Parts Unknown](#) is a TV show, and I really like it. There is some language, so you may want to pre-watch for young learners. It is available to purchase streaming rights on Amazon. It is mostly about food in different areas, but also goes into some social and political issues.

[Curiosity Stream](#) is all documentaries, and they regularly have sales for just \$12/year! This is one of my family's favorite resources.

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Book List:

Title	Author	# Pgs	Illustrated	Fiction/ Nonfiction
Finland	Clark, Geri	144	color	nonfiction
Finland	Vorhees, Mara	319	yes	nonfiction
Marimekko: The Art of Printmaking	Borrelli-Persson, Laird	271	color	nonfiction
The Sisterhood of the Enchanted Forest: sustenance, wisdom, and awakening in Finland's Karelia	Moriyama, Naomi	304	no	nonfiction
Moomin and the Golden Tail	Jansson, Tove	58	color	fiction
A Gnome's Christmas	Goldstone, Bruce	48	color	fiction
The Summer Book	Jansson, Tove	184	yes	fiction
Scandinavia	Ham, Anthony	509	color	nonfiction
The Book of Hope	Musturi, Tommi	212	color	Graphic novel
The Nordic Baking Book	Nilsson, Magnus	575	color	nonfiction
Rick Steves' Scandinavia	Steves, Rick	772	color	nonfiction
Simply Scandinavian: calm, comfortable and uncluttered homes	Norman, Sara	unpaged	color	nonfiction
Nordic Bakery Cookbook	Mink, Miisa	160	color	nonfiction
Nordic Tales: Folktales from Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, and Denmark	Thynell, Ulla (illustrator)	186	color	fiction
The Almost Nearly Perfect People Behind the Myth of the Scandinavian Utopia	Booth, Michael	400	no	nonfiction
Scandinavia: top sights, authentic experiences	Lonely Planet Discover	544	color	nonfiction
Finland	Gould, Sloane	32	color	nonfiction

The Nordic Theory of Everything: in search of a better life	Partanen, Anu	418	no	nonfiction
Revolver	Sedgwick, Marcus	240	no	fiction
Northmen: the Viking saga, AD793-1241	Haywood, John	369	color	nonfiction
The Finnish Way: finding courage, wellness, and happiness through the power of sisu	Pantzar, Katja	272	no	nonfiction
The Scandinavian Home: interiors inspired by light	Brantmark, Niki	176	color	nonfiction
Finland: the essential guide to customs and culture	Leney, Terttu	200	yes	nonfiction
Viking Economics: how the Scandinavians got it right - and how we can, too	Lakey, George	320	no	nonfiction
Finland	Spanier, Kristine	24	yes	nonfiction
Finland	Hutchison, Linda	112	yes	nonfiction
Finland in Pictures	DiPiazza, Francesca	80	color	nonfiction
Tales From a Finnish Tupa	Bowman, James Cloyd	288	color	folk/fairy tales - fiction
The Journal of Otto Peltonen, a Finnish Immigrant	Durbin, William	176	yes	nonfiction
The Fish of Gold and Other Finnish Folk Tales	Väänänen-Jensen, Inkeri	126	yes	fiction
The Princess Mouse: a tale of Finland	Shepard, Aaron	unpaged	color	fiction
The Mouse Bride: a tale from Finland	Allen, Linda	unpaged	color	fiction
Louhi, Witch of North Farm: a story from Finland's epic poem, the Kalevala	De Gerez, Toni	32	color	fiction
Arctic Twilight: old Finnish tales	Paulaharju, Samuli	166	yes	fiction

Livi and Nate	Hakkola, Kalle	unpaged	color	fiction
Moominsummer Madness	Jansson, Tove	155	yes	fiction
The Kalevala: tales of magic and adventure	Mäkinen, Kirsti	214	color	fiction

Possible Subscriptions:

Miss Maisy's Tasty Travels

Letters From Afar

Movies:

Name	Length	Rating	Fun/Documentary
Unknown Soldier	180 mins	N/R	War movie
Heavy Trip	90 mins	N/R	Fun, mature content
Reindeer Family and Me	52 mins	N/R	documentary
A Reindeer's Journey	86 mins	N/R	documentary
The Other Side of Hope	100 mins	N/R	fun
Little Wing	96 mins	N/R	fun
Outi in Finland	13 mins	N/R	documentary

(I tried my best to find ratings for these movies, but so many are Finnish, and just aren't rated. Previewing and your own parental discretion are needed to determine if they're appropriate for your family. Imdb.com has a "parents guide" that details controversial content, and is worth visiting for videos you're not sure about.)

Recipes:

Karjalan Pasties

Meremehepraad (braised beef and beer stew)

Rieska (potato flatbread)

Mustikkapiirakka (blueberry pie)

Rosolli salad

Suomalainen sienisalaatti (mushroom salad)

Karjalanpiirakat (Karelian pasties)

Munajuusto (egg cheese)

Karjalanpaisti (Karelian hot pot)

Kalakeitto (fish soup)

Kainuulainen kalakeitto (fish soup a la Kainuu)

Kaalikääryleet (cabbage rolls)
Lihapullat (meatballs)
Sienimunakas-kääryle (mushroom-omelet roll)
Yrttijuustolla täytetty lohi (cheese-and-herbs stuffed salmon)
Runebergin tortut (Runeberg's muffins)
Köyhät ritarit (poor knights)
Marjakiisseli (lingonberry delight)
Unipuuro (oven porridge)
Ohukaiset (pancakes)

Websites:

<http://radio.garden/visit/finland/VUcLPoVT> - listen to Finland's radio stations!
https://online.culturegrams.com/world/world_country.php?cid=54&cn=Finland - an excellent resource for older students
Finland: a country study:
<https://tile.loc.gov/storage-services/master/frd/frdcstdy/fi/finlandcountryst00sols/finlandcountryst00sols.pdf> (for older students)
<http://visitfinland.com>
<https://www.spendlifetraveling.com/things-to-know-before-traveling-to-finland/>
<https://theculturetrip.com/europe/finland/articles/11-reasons-why-you-should-visit-finland-at-least-once/>
<http://blog.goingglobal.com/understanding-finnish-culture-is-key-to-thriving-in-finland/#:~:text=Finnish%20society%20is%20not%20overly,for%20family%2C%20work%20and%20government.>
<https://www.everyculture.com/Cr-Ga/Finland.html>

Other Resources:

[Rough Guide to the Music of Scandinavia](#) (CD's)
[Imaginaerum by Nightwish](#) (Finnish rock music)
[Music of Scandinavia: Norway, Sweden, Finland, Iceland, Denmark](#) (CD's)
[Tears on Tape by HIM](#) (Finnish musical group, CD's)