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Jen Chavin THE TRAVELING UNICORN





JenUwin the Unicorn Adventures Around the World

Join JenUwin the Unicorn on her exciting world tour! In this fun book by real-life explorer Jenier Joy, you'll get to learn about amazing animals, nature, and different cultures.

Travel with JenUwin to Cambodia, where you'll visit the incredible Angkor Wat temple. Then, head to Iceland to discover geothermal wonders and meet playful elves. In Zimbabwe, dance with ancestors, and in Thailand, join a lively water festival.

Plus, there are activity sheets, coloring pages, and a fun language lesson on how to say "smile" in different languages.

Get ready for a magical journey filled with adventures and smiles with JenUwin the Unicorn!

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LETTER from the CREATOR

Dear Readers,

I'm thrilled to introduce you to a magical journey that has been close to my heart for years.

In 2014, I brought to life a whimsical character known as JenUwin the Unicorn, a symbol of joy, creativity, and the boundless wonders of our world.

As a musician, composer, and creator of theatrical experiences for young audiences, I've had the privilege of sharing stories like "The Magic Cape," "The Land of Colors," "Orchestral Outcast," and "Unicorns Believe." These stories, filled with music, imagination, and heart, have allowed me to connect with countless children and adults alike.

Today, I am excited to present my very first book, inspired by my real-life adventures across the globe. From Cambodia's ancient Angkor Wat to the mystical landscapes of Iceland, from the vibrant traditions of Zimbabwe to the joyful water festivals of Thailand, I've had the privilege of experiencing the beauty and diversity of our world firsthand.

Through this book, I hope to bring a piece of that wonder to you.

With a master's degree in all things geeky, I've dedicated my life to the fields of education and entertainment. But beyond that, my true mission is to spread joy. My tagline, "Source and Share Joy," is not just a motto; it's a way of life.

Whether I'm creating enormous bubbles, adding a touch of glitter or rainbows to someone's day, or playing my saxophone and ukulele to bring smiles to both young and old, my purpose remains clear: to bring happiness to the world.

I invite you to join me on this adventure, as we journey with JenUwin and explore the wonders of our world together. Within these pages, you'll find not only tales of far-off places but also interactive activities that encourage learning, laughter, and the universal language of joy.

Thank you for joining me on this incredible ride. My hope is that, through these stories and experiences, we can all find a little more joy in our lives and share it with others.



WITH GRATITUDE AND JOY,





It's me, JenUwin the Unicorn!

I sometimes visit the mountains outside your town. Maybe you've thought you've seen me before, but when you look for me you can't see me because I live in the land of Rainbows but I can see the Earth world thru a magic bubble!

I assure you I do exist, for people still believe in me, and I believe in you! I want to write you a letter to tell you about the places I go on the planet Earth!

Letters are a bit like magic. Before computers were invented, people wrote letters to each other all the time! I want to tell you about the amazing places I've been, perhaps one day you will go there too.

I've included pictures to enjoy, see which ones you hear about in the letter!



I travel the world on a rainbow bridge. My unicorn friends and I slide around on colorful rainbows which gives rainbows their sparkle! One time, at the end of an exciting rainbow slide, I found I had crossed between the earth and magic worlds. It was fun to be somewhere new1 I was kind of afraid but also excited to explore, so I turned my fear into curiosity and then I had lots of fun! 6



Where was I? Where had the rainbow slide taken me? I asked a near by fuzzy creature where I was and it squeaked out, "CAMBODIA". Cambodia is a country in southeast Asia on Earth. If you look at a map of the world, it appears next to Thailand, which looks like two long strips going into the ocean!

The magical creatures and people here are all very friendly. There are many different colors of people, animals, plants and trees. The people speak English, but they sound a bit different than what I've heard in England or in America. Speaking the same language that sounds different is called speaking with an accent!! They also speak their own language called Khmer. This is how you say SMILE - "nha nhum" - try to say it yourself! It looks like this

I had only been in Cambodia a short time when I met a friend, a monkey, named Samuel. What's neat is that even though humans can't see unicorns, animals can! When you think of a monkey you might think that they are friendly, but the monkeys in Cambodia are frisky! They might steal your banana or the things you carry that are shiny!

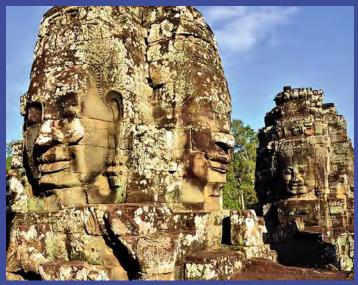
Luckily, Samuel was friendly, I think thats because he never saw a unicorn before. Monkeys are not very big and don't like humans much. They do, however, love unicorns and sparkles! They also like to cuddle with their family. You can pretend to be a monkey and cuddle with the people in your family too. Monkeys eat bananas and I had a lot of fun watching them eat. Where I'm from we slurp up rainbow noodles. Do people in your house like to eat bananas or noodles?

Samuel took me out to explore the jungle. It was miles and miles of thick trees, plants, and vines. In the middle of the jungle there were really big temples. Inside these temples there were dancers and musicians. Samuel told me this place was called Angkor Wat, which means "Temple of the Gods".

There was many towers around an even taller tower. I climbed over 1000 steps to get to the top! He took me to see all the other temples nearby as well, and my favorite was Bayon Temple. It was my favorite because of all the faces carved in the stone.

Can you find the faces in the photo?







Samuel left to pick fleas off his brother so I hung out in the jungle for awhile, watching the dancers and marveling at the architecture and amazing sculptures. I watched the elephants tromp through the jungle and the monkeys traverse the treetops, swinging on vines. I enjoyed listening to the music and watching the Khmer people celebrate life with food and good company in their community.

This is one of the many fun things about traveling. When you meet new people and visit new places, it shows you how big the world actually is and even teaches you new things about yourself! No matter where you go, most people and animals are very nice. Perhaps I will take the rainbow to Iceland next! It sure is hot here and I'd like to cool off now! I will write you another letter at my next location!

I would love to hear from you! Maybe you have questions for me or want to tell me about your world at home!

You can write me and I'll write you back! It's always fun to keep in touch with friends <;0)

Cambodía ~ Activity Sheet

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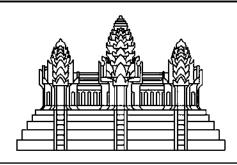
SMILE - "nha nhum" ញញឹម



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The blue and red colors symbolize liberty and bravery, with the white image of Angkor Wat representing heritage, integrity and justice.

Angkor means "city" and Wat means "temple".















In my last letter, I told you about sliding down a rainbow and accidentally slipping through the veil between worlds to find myself having an adventure in Cambodia. It's really hot in south east Asia, so I took the rainbow to Iceland to cool down!

It is so beautiful here in Iceland! It is summer here, which means that it's light outside for almost 24 hours day!

This happens because Iceland is so far North (or up!) on the globe, it's almost all the way to the North Pole.

During the summer the sun is always shining, and during the winter... well I bet you can guess, it's dark almost 24 hours of the day!

During the winter, the Icelandic people might play music, cook, make art and tell stories. In the summer, they might attend music and art festivals outdoors or go on long outdoor adventures to the wilderness.

Something I know for sure is they sure like to laugh a lot! Some created this amazing building, all made out of glass! Use your magic powers to find out what the Harpa Hall in the capital, Reykjavík looks like!





Fun Fact! Iceland is actually not covered in ice, and Greenland, the nearby country that is much larger, is actually not green, but instead covered with ice! Iceland is very green and you might be surprised to know that there are not many trees here. With so much lava, many parts of Iceland do not have the depth of soil required to support the growth of trees.

One day, a woman with a kind and green heart came to a place where she felt the ground was able and felt inspired to plant a grove of trees! So she did! Yeah for her!

Oh my, Iceland is actually very windy!

Sometimes the doors fly off cars when opened which is why it's a good idea for any humans visiting Iceland to partake in the amazing tour bus service that ensures your safety and brings you to a lot of unique places to visit. Hop on, hop off anytime! I see a lot of smiling faces on those buses!

Wouldn't you know that Iceland is filled with three amazing things that unicorns love! Unicorns love rainbows, waterfalls, and hot springs! When I visited Skógafoss Waterfalls on my way to exploring some hot springs, I saw a rainbow that made a full circle in the air! You bet I pranced through the rainbow circle enjoying myself thoroughly!





Did you know? In the earth below Iceland, there are geothermal pockets. These geothermal pockets heat water which you can find in nature to enjoy but it is also pumped into the local swimming pools in every neighborhood. They also have this really strange and amazing blue pool of hot water filled with white goo, they call it the Blue Lagoon! The water is really blue, like a blue raspberry Slurpee! The goo is actually silicone! Humans are funny... they like to put that goo on their faces while they soak in the water!



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While we were there, Spunky told me about Iceland's little people - did you know that there are real gnomes and elves living in Iceland?! It's true! You may not believe it, but as a unicorn I can tell you it's true. Spunky introduced me to his little people friends and we shared a snack of berries and nuts one sunny and cold afternoon. Those gnomes have really funny stories to tell and the elves have tales of mischief.

Once, at the banana factory outside the capital, the elves played a trick on the farmers by painting some of the bananas purple at night! To mix it up, sometimes they painted the leaves yellow and the bananas green! Oh those little people can be quite trickers sometimes! Many people in Iceland still believe in them and make offerings to them such as making small houses and leaving out treats. Those people usually avoid the mischief!

Oh My GOODNESS! There are rainbows in the sky here, totally different kind of rainbows and not the kind I normally ride on (you know... the ones made from light shining thru water?!) No, this rainbow in the sky was swirls of color: teal, pink, purple and yellow! Wow, what a marvelous sight! What kind of magic is this? They call it Aurora Borealis! Turns out, where the air is extremely thin (like up north), the colors are created in the sky from electrically charged particles that make the thin air shine like a fluorescent light! WOWZA!



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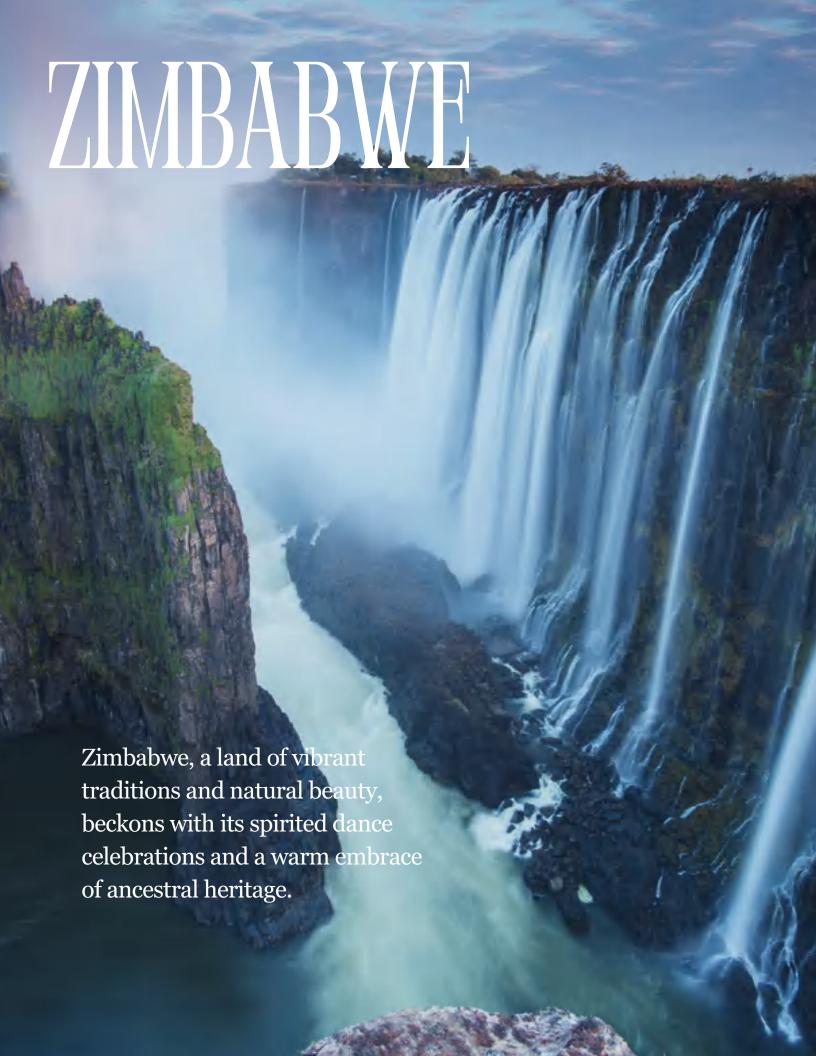
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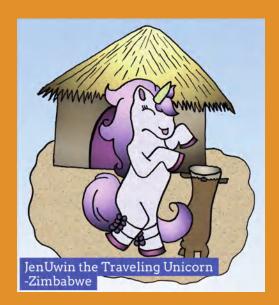
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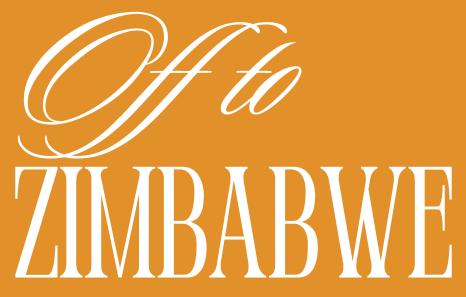












In my last letter, I told you about my amazing adventure to Iceland where I jumped through rainbow circles at waterfalls, pranced about with the little people, soaked in natural hot water tubs and marveled at the swirling colors in the sky. Now, I have arrived on the continent of Africa - I thought it would be fun to visit a country starting with "Z". there are two "Z" countries in Africa - Zimbabwe, Zambia.

I went to the border of Zimbabwe and Zambia to visit a unicorn's favorite attraction, waterfalls! Victoria Falls, nicknamed "the smoke that thunders" by the natives, is a gorgeous sight to see! Victoria Falls is one of the 7 Wonders of the World! The Zambezi River flows over basalt rocks and passes many small islands covered in trees. There are no mountains here to give the waterfall gravity, just a flat plateau of water extending hundreds of miles in each direction. Victoria Falls is neither the highest nor the widest waterfall in the world, it is classified by humans as the largest because of the width (5,604 ft) and height (354 ft) of the waterfall, making it the world's largest curtain of falling water. Victoria Falls is twice the height of Niagara Falls in the USA!



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One night, I was sleeping outside some villages far away from the city. I started to hear some music, was it coming from inside me or from very far away? Could it be both?

So I followed my heart and the beat, wandering off into the African desert until I found the jungle. I walked through the jungle until I came upon dry fields with other four legged creatures in it. One big white creature said "moo" to me, and I said "moo" back!

I still felt the vibration of the beat and so I walked until I came upon a circle house with a thatched roof. Inside I could hear twinkling, shaking, thumping and singing. What was going on? The door to the hut was open. Since humans cannot see me, I thought I would get closer to the music.

I entered the hut and didn't see the people sitting on the ground at the edges of the hut. It was dark inside and their skin was dark as well. I saw the white teeth of their beautiful smiles as they sang in the firelight.

They held planks of wood with pieces of metal tied to it, and when they plucked the metal, a gorgeous tone with buzzing sounded. Others were shaking tan shaped vegetables that rattled. Together, these sounds mesmerized me.

I found a place I could rest while I listened to their music fill up in night. I laid there soaking in the sound of shaking seeds, buzzing metal and multi generational voices. I felt soothed and relaxed.

Was I dreaming? I had this experience where I was dancing and my hooves were thundering the dry earth. My dancing was like the heartbeat of the earth and together we were joyfull. I had these rattles on my legs made out of seed pods and tiny rocks. When I pranced, they rattled which made prancing ever so much fun! Along with the beat, the buzzing, and the rattles, there were songs telling stories of families, of cows, of the spirits of the water that bring blessings to the people. I drifted along to the music until I woke up to something soft licking me! When I opened my eyes, it was very bright. I saw a head with a long neck looking at me curiously. When the animal saw me open my eyes, it said "Good Morning strange creature!"







"Well Good Morning to you!" I said in return. I stood up and stretched out my magnificent form and looked up to greet this creature. "Hello, my name is JenUwin, what is your name?" I said. "My name is Sunny, would you like to get some breakfast with me?" said the long necked friend. "Sure! Are there rainbow noodles around? Thats my favorite!" "What?" says Sunny, "we eat green leaves from the trees around here, I'm not sure what these 'noodles' are that you speak of, but I have seen rainbows! Didn't know they were edible! Hey how did you get here anyways?"

"Well, actually, I got here by sliding on a rainbow! I'm traveling this world call Earth and finding it quite amazing! I've already been to Cambodia and Iceland!" I said. "Wow, I've never heard of those places, will you tell me about it on our walk? I'll show you where some juicy leaves are, you can pretend they are green noodles if you'd prefer!" And so we traversed off into the open plains in search of tall trees.

Sunny told me about the long necked creatures and said they were called Giraffes. Sunny took me to what they call a "watering hole" where all the animals gather around a big pool of water and drink or bathe or play! When we went there I saw all sorts of amazing animals! Some had big tusks, others had sharp teeth. Some looked friendly and some looked less friendly. All the animals respected each others space and time at the watering hole so all could get what they needed. I discovered that Giraffes love to play! They love to run around leaping and they also love to dance! I asked a few of the baboons if they would play some music on the dry logs so we could have a dance party! We danced until we tired ourselves out and needed a nap!

The next day, I found people dancing together over a drum. They wore rattles on their legs as they danced around jovially. There dances look like old men, warrior men, people picking up something from the ground. They danced in a huddle expressing themselves individually in the whole of the group. These people are Happy!

I'll write you again soon! Stay tuned for my next adventure, time for some tropics in Thailand!



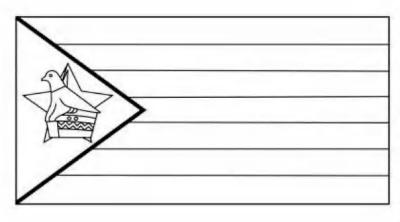
Zimbabwe ~ Activity Sheet

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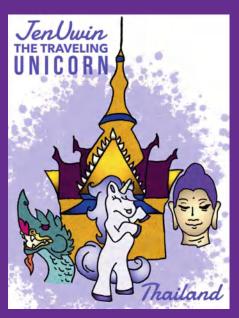
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In my last letter, I told you about my amazing adventure in Zimbabwe where I visited one of the Seven Wonders of the World, danced and sang to the heart beat of the earth, and met a new friend, Sunny the Giraffe. I felt a bit hungry and so I popped off to somewhere I've heard people say is amazing, Thailand, the Land of Smiles, famous for it's noodles amongst other things.

I slipped on my rainbow slide and then I was magically there! Oh, I love the awesome powers of being a unicorn.

The air is warm and damp, the breeze feels soggy as well. I hear the chirping of many different kinds of bugs, some high and fast, some slow and intermittent.

There are many smells that cross my nostrils; food, ocean, jungle, traffic, animals. The sun is bright and clear creating a crystal sheen to my view. I wander around taking in the sights of the food carts smelling wonderful, coffee stands, little shops and massage places filled with happy and relaxed people.

There are colored flags leading up long paths to temples offset from the road. Some of them have very tall and long stairs with golden figures glinting at the top.

There are different statues in these temples. All of them are decorated with flowers, open soda bottles, and fruits.



There are also a lot of tiny houses that look like temples, they too are adorned with soda. Beautiful outfits hung outside of the tiny house temples as well.



I was looking at the beauty of the many statues when I felt myself being watched. Huh? Humans can't see me... what is this sensation? I looked around and noticed a dragon smiling at me. "Hello creature, it is wonderful to see another magical being. My name is Naga".

"Hello!" I said delightfully, for it would be wonderful to make a new friend! "My name is JenUwin and I come from the Land of Rainbows. I love to learn about new things, will you tell me a story?" "It would be my pleasure and delight. Let me start with some information.

The Naga is the sacred Thai dragon. They are placed in pairs on both sides of the staircase entrances to most Buddhist temples. This is because the Nagas are protectors, they are water spirits. I am a being of supernatural powers. I bring water and protect the temples for I am very old and wise. The home of the Naga is at the border between the human world and the netherworld. Similar to your world for we are neighbors behind the veil.

Perhaps it might interest you to google Naga Fireballs!"

"Wow, you make fireballs! That amazing! My magic power is glitter and enthusiasm! I help others through encouragement. We unicorns believe Kindness Matters because it makes people feel seen and welcomed." I say.

The Naga replied, "That sounds wonderful. We Nagas are Buddhist dragons. Thai people follow the teachings of the Buddha, a king that lived long ago who gave up his royal status to become a monk. After sitting beneath the Bodhi tree for many days without food or water, he had a spiritual realization about the meaning of life and his place in it.

After that, he traveled sharing his revelations of love, kindness, peace and humility. The Buddha also believes Kindness mattered. I think the two of you would be great friends!" "Me too!" I say.

I wandered into town the next morning to discover a city wide water fight! Yes that is true! Cars and trucks had people with super soakers in them, dousing other people on scooters, motorcycles while joyful festive folks stood on the side of the road. There was much excitement to be soaking everyone in sight with water.

This merriment went on all day with live bands, food carts, and ice cream. There was also fountains of water spouting into the air everywhere!







In the center of the town square celebration I saw a raised block with red material and many gold figures that people came up to, bowed, poured water on and placed a flower upon. I recognized the gold figures as the Buddha. These people were honoring their ancestors and the Buddha with these gestures.

The people celebrate the Buddha in many ways and being that it is oh so hot in April, what a better way to celebrate his birth than with a country-wide water fight lasting almost 2 weeks. There were painted elephants in parades alongside statues and much splashing!

There is so much cheer and merriment here, these people must be unicorns! At night, the people gathered outside with paper lanterns which they lit and flew into the sky along with all their neighbors, friends, peers, colleagues, and community. The sky was filled with hope, wishes, thanks and prayers. They ate, laughed and gathered together all night.

As I wandered about the far reaches of the north and south of Thailand, there was something I continually saw along the way. There were brightly colored boxes with the symbol 7-11 above, with sliding reflections of light that would bing open and closed. Sometimes these places were right across the street! I tapped into my amazing magic powers of info and learned there are over 11,000 7-11s in Thailand, and 8,000 of them are in the capital city of Bangkok!

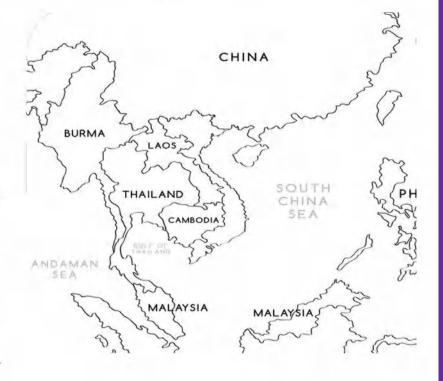


I am so happy to write you these letters and tell you of my adventures around the world. Unicorns superpower is enthusiasm, maybe you'll catch my spark for adventure!

I hope you might write me sometime my dear friend and tell me how you are and where you are! Until next time, be kind, be active, be curious, and keep being the amazing YOU!

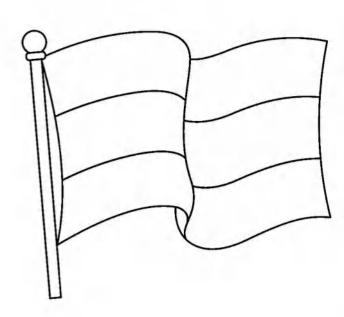
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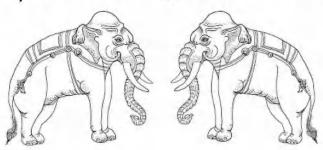


Language: SMILE - ยิ้ม - pronounced "yim"

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A flag represents the unity of people. In the Thai flag, the color red stands for the blood of the Nation, white is for purity of Buddhist faith, the color blue represents the King and the Monarchy.











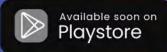
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