

Global Snapshots

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FRANCE

Country Facts

Official Name: The French Republic

Capital: Paris

Official Language: French

Currency: The Euro

Head of State/Government: President Jacques

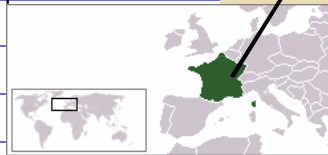
Chirac, Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin

Population: 60,876,136

Largest City: Paris

Area: 547,030 sq km

Geography: the largest country in Western Europe



Meet Your Global Classroom Tour Guide



Fabien, the Global Classroom Tour Guide for France, was just in New York City working for Metro International! Now he is in Cambridge, earning his certificate to teach French, German, and English in France

Pets: One cat named Calinette, and one dog named Belle

Favorite thing about living

Name: Fabien Riviere

in NY: My favorite thing

Hometown: Toulouse, France

about living in N.Y. is

Siblings: Family and friends

definitely the feeling that

mainly living in France, a lot

anything can happen

of friends overseas, primarily

here. That's what makes

in the US, the UK, and

N.Y. such an unique city.

Australia.

The rich environment here,

population, makes a

wonderful, international place

to live!

Favorite Childhood Activity: I

loved to help my grannie in

the kitchen to prepare the

meals for the family reunions





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What advice would you give to students from the US who want to study in another country?

I would simply tell them to go for it! I would recommend, however, that they get out of the big cities whenever they can and go and meet up with locals in a remote village - it is there that they will get a better understanding of France and what is to live in the French way!



Favorite National Food:

Nothing better than a nice platter of cheese, some white grapes, and a warm, crusty baguette!

What made you want to study in another country?

After several travels overseas, I wanted to keep broadening my horizons and getting a better understanding of some global issues linked to the field of international education. Being in the U.S. and living the experience to its fullest made my visit not only worthwhile and enriching but also unique and so rewarding!

Favorite Native Holiday/

Festival: Christmas!

What would you like kids in NY to learn about France?

I would like them to learn but even more to appreciate the art of French cooking and eating as much as I did when I was growing up in southwestern France.

What was the first thing you learned about the US?

The first thing I learned about the US was the sense of hospitality and warmth in the American household. When I and the rest of New Orleans

were evacuated from

Katrina, I drove up to

Cincinnati and couldn't

believe how warm and

supportive everyone I

met on my way was.

They helped me not only

to escape this

catastrophe but also to

start over in New York

What do you want to do

now that you've

received your degree?

I am currently in the

application process for

doctoral studies in

international education. I

will be entering the

University of Cambridge

next September.





You Can Learn More About France by Visiting the Following Websites:

Asterix-The Official Website of the famous French comic book hero

<http://gb.asterix.com/>

The French Embassy just for kids

<http://www.ambafrance-us.org/kids/>

Free, online games in French

<http://fslactivities.sd61.bc.ca/kidsplayground/jeux.html>

A French to English photo dictionary

<http://www.pdictionary.com/french/>

Marianne- The Symbol of France

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/France>

French and English: closer than you might think

Below are a few French words and expressions that also exist in English and their literal French definitions:

Blond: fair haired

Bon voyage: Good trip

coup d'état: Hit the state (overthrow the government)

Critique: Judgment

Encore: Again

Finale: Final

Genre: Type (of book or film)

Souvenir: Remember



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