



A world with more **love**

1. In groups, read the text and do the activities.

Vorandia is a country close to yours. In recent years, it has been shaken by a bloody civil war fought by two factions of its inhabitants: those who were in favour of privatising natural locations and those that were against it. This battle between the economic and ecological supporters was about to push the country into a warlike conflict. Fortunately, this hasn't been the case, but the county finds itself emotionally devastated. It appears that its wounds are incurable and the positions irreconcilable. The leaders of each side, in view of the situation, have decided to ask for help from your country to rebuild theirs. In reality, they want to found the country again from the beginning. You will form part of the team that will help Vorandia. Your mission is to rebuild from the beginning a new state, whose institutions and organisations will promote solidarity, pacific coexistence and acts of love, as the general rule of conduct.

- Think about the name of the state: Vorandia. Do you think it would be a good idea to change it? Why? Make a list of advantages and disadvantages.

Change the name of the state?			
Yes		No	
ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
You leave the past behind.	Lose something symbolical that helps to build identity.	If the change is not proposed, it is one issue less that can provoke controversy.	It's more difficult to build a new identity.



- Now, decide if you are going to change the name of the state or not. If you decide to change it, make a series of proposals for the new name. To do that, use words as inspiration that you would like to see linked to the new spirit of the country. For example:

love solidarity peace hope well-being

Possible names: *Wellpeace, Solidland...*

- Can you link these states with their mottos? Complete the task and use it as inspiration to find a motto for the new state.

Germany •

• Independence, liberty, happiness

Bulgaria •

• The homeland is first

Czech Republic •

• Union makes strength

France •

• Truth prevails

Japan •

• Liberty, equality, solidarity

Kenya •

• Peace and progress

Mexico •

• For the benefit of the world

Panama •

• We work together

Vietnam •

• Unity and justice and liberty

- Now organise the government:

Who will govern?

- A team of experts with a president as the head
- A council of intelligent men and women
- The people by referendum
- A king

- The new government is poor and only allows seven ministries. Choose which ones. Read the list of Spanish ministries and use them as a base. Remind yourself of the values of Vorandia, when you decide to remove or add ministries.

Spanish Ministry	Agree to in Vorandia?	
	Yes	No
Ministry of the Presidency of the Government		
Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment		
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation		
Ministry of Defence		
Ministry of Economics and Competition		
Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport		
Ministry of Employment and Social Security		
Ministry of Public Works		
Ministry of Inland Revenue and Public Administration		
Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism		
The Home Office		
Ministry of Justice		
Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality		

- Other ministries that need to be created:

Name	Functions

- Now make a list of the first laws that you think will need to be approved in Vorandia:

Title of law	What does it want to achieve?	Main regulations

- Next, make a plan of inaugural events for the country:

A concert	What groups?	
	Where?	
	How can people get tickets?	
A conference	Speaker	
	Topic	
A sports competition	Sport	
	Prizes	
	Individual or team?	
	Where?	
A game show	Objective of the game	
	Individual or team?	
	Prizes	
	Requirements to participate	
A literary prize	Requirements to participate	
	Topic	
	Genre	



- Finally, prepare a report of your new state to present to the leaders of Vorandia. In it you must justify all your proposals.

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Emotional competences:
Contribute to the well-being of others. Active, civic, responsible and committed citizenship.



2. Read this poem by E. E. Cummings, in which he makes comparisons between love and other emotions, concepts and ideas.

love is more thicker than forget
more thinner than recall
more seldom than a wave is wet
more frequent than to fail

it is most mad and moonly
and less it shall unbecome
than all the sea which only
is deeper than the sea

love is less always than to win
less never than alive
less bigger than the least begin
less littler than forgive

it is most sane and sunly
and more it cannot die
than all the sky which only
is higher than the sky

E. E. Cummings

- Can you find grammatical 'mistakes' in the poem? What are they?
- Why do you think they are there? What do you think they transmit?

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- Do you agree with the vision of love that E. E. Cummings transmits? Do you think the images he uses are appealing?

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- Now work on your own poem about love, following the structure that the American author lays out.

love is.

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it is most and

and less it.

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love is less

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Emotional competences:

Ability to name emotions. To be aware of how emotions influence behaviour. Ability to express emotions in an appropriate way.