

# Kid Ambassadors

Aspen Wilson, 10, and Thorin Bell, 10, of Leavenworth, Washington are a little too young to walk the halls of the **United Nations**<sup>1</sup>. But they aren't too young to learn about becoming **ambassadors**. An ambassador is a person who represents his or her government in another country.

The two boys were accepted to the People to People Student Ambassador Programs. They will travel to the United Kingdom for two weeks. Thorin and Aspen will visit England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland.

While in England, they plan to see a Shakespeare play and ride the huge London Eye Ferris wheel, which opened in 1999. They also will visit Oxford University, one of the oldest universities in the world.

"I hope to come back with the knowledge of how people live in other parts of the world," Thorin told *Weekly Reader*. He is looking forward to meeting new people and trying new foods in his first trip abroad.

The goal of the student ambassador program is to help young people gain a better sense of what it means to be a good neighbor and a global citizen. Since the program was started in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, thousands of U.S. kids and teens have represented their country overseas.

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<sup>1</sup> **United Nations:** building where political people from many different countries meet to discuss issues

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Answers will vary, but may include that Thorin is 10 years old, lives in Leavenworth, Washington, is adventurous, and looks forward to meeting new people and trying new things.

*Suggested Additional Vocabulary: overseas, global citizen*