



Music for Peace and Conflict

AN ASL TWINS PROJECT PLAN

General Overview

This TWINS project aims to help students consider the idea of Peace versus Conflict personally, communally and globally by looking at music and song lyrics. They will share their understanding of the subject with their TWINS school by creating an audio tape or CD which can be shared. Some schools may like to also write their own Peace song, record it and share it with their TWIN school.

Method

- The TWINS Coordinators of both schools agree to share this project and set a deadline for its completion.
- The teacher discusses with the class the subject matter. Discuss examples of personal, community, and global conflicts. Discuss examples of peace in the same way. Discuss the emotions that the students feel when they are faced with conflict or peaceful situations.
- Ask the students to think of songs which convey either the idea of Peace or Conflict. Are they aware of any songs which were written or popular during a time of conflict? What messages do these songs promote? The students could be asked to think about this for homework and to bring examples to the next lesson.
- The students should where possible listen to the songs and express how each song makes them feel, what emotions do the lyrics and the music evoke?
- Ask the students to write down a selection of lyrics that they like or identify with.
- Students could compile a tape or CD that includes a selection of the music (this may not be possible in some Sri Lankan schools) and a booklet that includes the lyrics and some artwork to illustrate them if possible.
- An extension to this project might be for the children to write their own peace song and record it to share with their TWINS school.
- The project booklet and CD/tape should be exchange at the agreed time.
- A follow up lesson should be scheduled to discuss the work received from your TWINS school. Listen to the music and discuss the lyrics. Look at the similarities and any differences.

What will the students learn?

- An understanding of the nature of conflicts and the need for peace. Why there is a need for conflict resolution and the promotion of harmony.
- How music can mirror events and feelings and be used to promote peace or conflict.
- An insight into a global issue from own perspective and TWINS school.
- Imaginative thinking and personal development.

Summary

This TWINS project is a great way for students to share their understanding of a global issue with their partner school in a creative and interesting way.