**Geography Music Lesson**

**Grade:** 2nd Grade

**Subject Areas:** Music, Geography

**Materials Needed:** map of the Americas or world map, Geography Rap lyrics, pictures, blank map of the Americas and oceans

**Standards:**

* **2.5.1** Identify North America, South America, the United States, Mexico, Canada, Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean on a map or globe
* **4.1.5** Sing in groups
* **4.1.2** Sing expressively.
* **4.8.2** Understand the interrelationship of music and other disciplines.

**Objectives:**

* Students will be able to identify North America, South America, the United States, Mexico, Canada, Atlantic Ocean and Pacific Ocean on a map.
* Students will sing a rap as a class to help them remember the above locations.

**Learning Activities:**

* Alright second graders, I want us all to gather around the active board and sit on the floor. It is time for social studies.
* The world is a very big place. There are 7 continents, 5 oceans and hundreds of countries filled with millions of cities.
* Today I am going to direct your attention to only 2 continents, 2 oceans and 3 countries.
* Most of us live in Bismarck, ND.
  + Bismarck is our city and North Dakota is our state.
* Which country do we live in?
  + Think about when you say the pledge in the morning.
  + We live in the United States of America.
    - We can’t just say America because there are two continents that have America in their name. North America and South America.
    - We live in North America. North America has 3 countries within it—the United States, Canada, and Mexico.
      * \*Teacher points out countries on a map as she lists them.\*
    - America is surrounded by two oceans. On the west we have the Pacific Ocean and on the east we have the Atlantic Ocean.
* That was a lot of information to give you at one time. Luckily, I came up with a rap to help you remember.
* When I was in elementary school, whenever we were going to sing we had to stand so I want you all to stand up right where you are.
  + I will post pictures in order of the song on the board.
  + I will sing the first 2 lines by myself and point to the pictures and the map as I do so.
    - The next time the students will be asked to sing those two lines with me.
      * We will sing those two lines twice all together.
  + Next I will teach the next two lines.
  + Once they know those two lines we will add them on to the first two lines.
  + This pattern will repeat (two lines at a time) the whole way through.
  + By the end we will sing the entire rap all the way through.

**Assessment:**

* Once the students have learned the rap and watched me point to the corresponding country or ocean multiple times they will return to their desks and put up their folders for their assessment.
* They will each be given a blank map of the Americas and be asked to label the 3 countries, 2 continents, and 2 oceans.