

TEACHER'S RESOURCE MATERIAL

to accompany

RICK AROUND THE ROCK

for use following performance
in elementary grades

Lyrics included, please feel free to duplicate

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Rick will answer HANDWRITTEN class letters

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CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES BASED ON
RICK AROUND THE ROCK

QUESTIONS BASED ON EH CANADA:

1. Name some common misconceptions about Canada found in this song.
2. What is the largest country in the world?
3. What is the smallest ocean in the world?
4. What does "the ocean makes the biggest motion" mean?
5. What proportion of the world's fresh water does Canada have?
6. What is the planet's largest freshwater lake?
7. Name some foods for which Canada is famous.
8. What is Fungy Pie? 9. What are Nanaimo Bars?
10. Name two unusual Canadian inventions mentioned in the song. What are some other Canadian inventions?
11. A British writer wrote a famous children's book inspired by a Canadian bear. Name the book and the writer.

ANSWERS:

1. It always snows in Canada, all Canadian police officers ride horses, all Canadians live in igloos and like hockey.
2. Though the Soviet Union as we knew it has been dismantled, the newly created Russia is still the largest country in the world at 17,140,000 square kilometres. (Canada's area is just over 10 million square kms.)
3. The Arctic Ocean.
4. The Bay of Fundy in Nova Scotia has the largest high-low tide differential in the world.
5. One third.
6. Lake Superior stretches across Ontario, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.
7. Maple syrup, apples, Fungy Pie, Thousand Island Dressing, Nanaimo Bars.
8. A deep dish blueberry pie made in Nova Scotia, the "Blueberry Capital of Canada".
9. A delicious chocolate confection named after a city on Vancouver Island in British Columbia. The recipe is enclosed.
10. Canadians invented the snowmobile and instant mashed potatoes.
11. A. A. Milne wrote Winnie The Pooh after seeing "Winnie The Bear" (named after Winnipeg, Manitoba) in the London zoo.

EXERCISES:

1. One verse of EH CANADA is about water, one is about food, and one is about inventions. Choose a theme and write your own verse about Canada.
2. Try making Nanaimo Bars as a class project.

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3. Choose a country and have everyone research one or more interesting facts about it. Fill the blackboard with these facts and have everyone in the class write their own song about that country using their own music, the music to EH CANADA, or the music to any other song they may choose. Present the different songs in class. Songs can be recited, rapped, read or sung.

QUESTIONS BASED ON ELEPHANT RIDE:

1. Find four different metaphors or similes used in the song to describe an elephant.
2. Name three facts about elephants you learned from this song.
3. See what you can find out about elephant feet, then explain what "walk on their tiptoes" refers to.

ANSWERS TO ELEPHANT RIDE:

1. Over five thousand pounds of grey (metaphor), the world's largest overstuffed chair (metaphor), something as big as your house (simile), the great grey tide (metaphor).
2. Elephants drink 35 gallons of water a day, elephants don't sweat, elephants have good memories, elephants walk on their tiptoes, elephants are good at hiding themselves, considering how large they are.
3. Elephants don't actually have "foot" bones, but walk on their "toes".

QUESTIONS BASED ON I GOT MONEY:

1. Find the homonym in the introduction to this song.
2. There are many synonyms for money in this song, some of which would be considered slang. Find four synonyms and discuss their use in the song.
3. What is an antonym? What are the antonyms for the following words from the song: "war", "backyard", "play", "roof".
4. Write a list for each verse of things that Rick says he wants to buy with the money he dreamed he won.
5. Make a list of what you would buy if you won the lottery.

ANSWERS:

1. "Won" and "one".
2. Dough, stash of cash, bucket of loot, pocket full of credit cards.
3. An antonym is a word that describes the opposite of another word. For example, an antonym for "war" is "peace".
4. Verse 1: Fun for everyone: an amusement park with free admission.
Verse 2: Food for everyone: hot dog stand with free pizza.
Verse 3: Peace for everyone. Verse 4: A home for everyone.

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QUESTIONS BASED ON YO MO CONCERTO:

1. What century did Mozart live in?
2. How old was Mozart when he started performing?
3. What is a concerto?
4. What is the principal instrument used in the rap portion of YO MO CONCERTO?
5. Is this song truly a concerto?
6. Name some Mozart excerpts used in this song?
7. What important people were in Mozart's audiences?
8. What instruments did Mozart write for?
9. What modern instrument plays Mozart's music at the end of YO MO? Do you like the way it sounds that way?

ANSWERS:

1. In the eighteenth century. Mozart was born in 1756.
2. Six years old.
3. A concerto is a musical composition, usually in a symphonic form, written for one principal instrument, with accompaniment for a full orchestra.
4. The drums.
5. Rick used poetic license to call this a 'Concerto. He liked that "Yo Mo" and "Concerto" rhyme. When sounds rhyme within a phrase or a line, this is called internal rhyme.
6. Mozart March, String Quartet in D Minor, and Eine Kleine Nacht Music.
7. Kings, Queens and the Pope. Mozart often played for Kings and Queens in their courts around Europe. He also went to Italy to perform for the Pope.
8. Piano, string quartet, horn, flute, full orchestra and voice (opera, aria).
9. Electric guitar.

LYRICS FOLLOW.

MY FAMILY
By Rick Scott

CHORUS:

O-oh, now what do you see?
Look out world it's my family.
O-oh, now what can it be?
Look out world it's my family

1. I've got sisters,
brothers and mothers,
fathers, uncles and aunts.
I've got relatives,
I've got enemies,
they'd be my friend
if they'd give me a chance.

CHORUS

2. There are black ones,
white ones and red ones,
brown ones and yellow ones too.
So many colours are in my family,
I wonder if any of them are blue?

CHORUS

3. There are Taoists, Buddhists, Hindus,
Christian, Muslims and Jews.
I know someone who doesn't believe anything,
I saw them once on the six o'clock news.

CHORUS

MECHANIC OF LOVE

By Rick Scott

1. When I was a kid
I'd lie awake at night
trying to find a way to make everything right.
I'd fix the whole world and everything that's in it
and get the job done in under a minute...

CHORUS: Cause I am, I am, I am the mechanic of love

2. Mechanic says that people are just like cars.
Funny as that sounds, he believes they really are.
Black, white, green, red, all of the above,
it makes no difference to the mechanic of love...

CHORUS

3. So if you've got a clock
and it won't tick tock right
or got a flat tire on a brand new bike:
don't you worry, no, don't you panic.
Just pick up your telephone
and call the mechanic...

CHORUS

But what do you do if a heart gets broken?
What can you do if a body's broken too?
Saw won't cut it, a ruler won't tell you
how long it will take,
it just doesn't make any sense!
Well, maybe throw it all down on the rug,
say a little prayer, give a little hug...

4. If you want the world to be a better place
you want to run in the human race.
Put your hand on your heart and what do you see?
Now raise your other hand
and repeat after me

EH CANADA

By Rick Scott and Valley Hennell

1. I went to meet some brand new friends
and what do you suppose
they said, oh you're from Canada
that place where it always snows
and policemen all ride horses
and they always get their man...
I'd love to visit Canada
is that where they make cans?

Not exactly, but...

We're the second largest country
in the whole round world
and we have the smallest ocean
and way out east in Nova Scosh
the ocean makes the biggest motion
we have a third of the world's fresh water
and the planet's largest lake
but if you want to speak Canadian
you'd better polish up your "eh"

CHORUS:

Cause I'm from C-eh-N-eh-D-eh
that spells oh Canada
my home and native
C-eh-N-eh-D-eh
just north of the U.S.A.

2. When I say that I'm from Canada
they tell me, oh, how nice
you must be fond of hockey
and live in a house of ice
and when you folks get hungry
I bet you bag a moose
then fly south for the winter
on your own Canadian goose

Not likely, eh...

But we love our maple syrup
it's the apple of our eye
and you can come and spend our loonies
on a piece of funky pie

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Our thousand island dressing
is known the whole world through
and once you taste a Nanaimo bar
you'll want to be Canadian too

CHORUS:

Cause I'm from C-eh-N-eh-D-eh

3. We gave the world the snowmobile
inspired Winnie the Pooh
and instant mashed potatoes are
a Canadian invention too
with two official languages
we aim to s'il vous plait
so to parlez-vous Canadian
you better practice votre "eh"

CHORUS:

Cause I'm from
C-eh-N-eh-D-eh
that spells Oh Canada
my home and native
C-eh-N-eh-D-eh
just north of the U-S-A
can you see-eh-N-eh-D-eh
oh, Canada
my home and native land!

ELEPHANT RIDE

by Rick Scott

CHORUS:

Let's go for an elephant ride
go for an elephant ride
rumble through the jungle going side to side
o-oh, let's go for an elephant ride
o-oh, let's go for an elephant ride

1. Over 5,000 pounds of grey
this big around and you know what they say?
they say an elephant can drink 35 gallons of water a day
you know what else they say?
elephants don't sweat
so remember... elephants never forget

CHORUS

2. So imagine yourself there
in the world's largest overstuffed chair
knocking down trees, anything you please...
but elephants don't have to be like that
they can be agile as a kitty cat
they can stand on their tiptoes and everybody knows
elephants never forget

CHORUS

3. Now you might think it would be difficult
to hide something as big as your house
but you know what?
elephants can be invisible
they can hide behind a waterfall
they can roll themselves up in a big grey ball
and call themselves a rock
(don't bug me man, I'm a rock)
oh! well remember
elephants never forget

CHORUS

Swing up on the side of a hide so wide
take the great grey tide
get jungled
go for an elephant ride

I GOT MONEY by Rick Scott

Had a dream the other day that I won the lottery
though I'd never won one before
for reasons not quite clear to me I'm as rich as I can be
so you don't have to worry anymore

1. Everybody's going to have fun
'cause I got money
everybody's going to have fun
'cause I've got dough
going to build the world's biggest
amusement park
with free admission from dawn to dark
everybody's going to have fun
'cause I've got money
2. Nobody's going to be hungry cause I got money
nobody's going to be hungry cause I got dough
going to buy everybody a hotdog stand
with free pizza and a rock and roll band
nobody's going to be hungry
'cause I've got money

Got a stash of cash and a bucket of loot
and a pocket full of credit cards
going to build a swimming pool in everybody's back yard
and every nation will have a vacation and I don't care how far
and when I'm done with that I'll just sit back and play on my guitar

3. Going to be no more war
'cause I've got money
going to be no more war
'cause I've got dough
going to buy all the guns and throw them away
if they can't fight they're going to have to play
going to be no more war 'cause I've got money
4. Everybody's going to have a home
'cause I've got money
everybody's going to have a home
'cause I've got dough
going to put a roof over everyone's head
with a good night story and tuck them in bed
everybody's going to have a home 'cause I've got money
oh-oh-oh I've got dough!

THREE SHIPS

CHORUS:

There were three ships a-sailing
sailing, sailing
there were three ships a-sailing
carry me back home

1. On the first ship they were singing
singing, singing
on the first ship they were singing
carry me back home
2. On the second ship they were laughing
laughing, laughing
on the second ship they were laughing
carry me back home
3. On the third ship they were sleeping
sleeping, sleeping
on the second ship they were sleeping
carry me back home

CHORUS

KOOL SCHOOL by Rick Scott

Oh yes, our school is cool
our teams always win
because everybody plays.

We have fun in September
and we don't stop till June
so call me a fool
but it's my cool school...

Cool school is now in session!

YO MO CONCERTO

by Rick Scott, Valerie Hennell and Harris Van Berkel
with musical excerpts by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Mozart March

1. In seventeen hundred and fifty-six
the music they were digging
was a classical trip
people writing songs
they were calling compositions
when someone came along
and changed the situation
he was a kid, he was smart
he was Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart!
(huh? what kind of a name is that?)

2. The first time he stepped on
the stage he was a rage
he played violin not looking at the page
everybody said he was a musical sage
listen up! (what?)
did I tell you 'bout his age?
he was six! (dig it)

Chorus:

YO MO--COME ON AMADEUS
WHAT YOU GONNA PLAY US?

Eine Kleine Nacht Music

3. By the age of 14
he was hot on the scene
doing his musical thing for kings and queens
he took a boat to meet the Pope
note for note he was writing, he was playing
piano, orchestra, string quartet
opera, aria, he was the best
he could play it with a horn
he could play it with a flute
do a string thing or sing (forsooth)
and everywhere he's playing
people would be saying

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WHAT YOU GONNA PLAY US?

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String Quartet in D Minor

4. Now times have changed
and music has too
but Mozart's art is
still shining through
what I want to say is
what if Amadeus
were alive to play us
a song right here right now?
(right on, right on)
would it be hip hop
rap or reggae, punk or pop?
would he be like you and me?
would he want to play with me?
(on what?)
on Rick Around the Rock!

YO MO - COME ON AMADEUS
WHAT YOU GONNA PLAY US?

Eine Kleine Nacht Music

YO MO - COME ON AMADEUS
WHAT YOU GONNA PLAY US?

Mozart March

FRYPAN SAUCEPAN MIXING BOWL BAND

By Rick Scott

1. Late one night and I was hungry
I could have eaten my own shoe
I decided to save my soul
and there was only one thing to do
I tiptoed down to the kitchen
I turned on the kitchen light
but there between me and the ice box
was this unbelievable sight

CHORUS:

It was the frypan saucepan mixing bowl band
frypan saucepan mixing bowl band
you sit there cooking up a musical treat
it sounds so good enough to eat
frypan sauce pan mixing bowl band

2. Grandma was sitting at the table
keeping time with a wooden spoon
my next door neighbour had a blender
and he was playing Claire de Lune
everybody's tapping on plates and glasses
but the coolest thing of all
was little baby Zeke
with his bowl of cream of wheat
which he was throwing up against the wall

CHORUS

3. Now there's a whole lot of people
that are hungry
you know what I'd like to do?
cook them up a batch of their favourite dish
a little like a worldwide stew
and serve it up whenever they want it
oh, wouldn't that be grand
well don't sit back
you've got a pot to smack
cause now you're in the band (what band?)

CHORUS

UH OH TA DA

By Rick Scott and Valley Hennell

1. Have you ever been in such a situation
for which there is no explanation
everything you try to do is wrong?
well--you might like to remember this song

CHORUS:

Uh oh - ta da!

uh oh - ta da!

uh oh, oh no, hip hip hoorah!

Uh oh - ta da!

uh oh - ta da!

uh oh is oh no but there's also ta da!

2. Have you ever been with your friends having fun
and all the good times are just rolling on and on
when suddenly you fuss and you fight?
Well, while you're deciding who's right...

3. Have you ever been down to the beach or ocean
and you grease yourself up with your suntan lotion
you lie down in the sand and it starts to rain?
Well, you might want to sing this again...

CHORUS

Uh oh - ta da!

uh oh - ta da!

uh oh, oh no, bravo, hurrah!

uh oh - ta da!

uh oh - ta da!

uh oh is oh no but there's also

uh oh - ta da!

uh oh - ta da!

after the uh oh there's often ta da

TATATATAMI
By Rick Scott

1. Well, the sun comes up and it goes back down
but guess what? it comes back up.
I don't know about this round and round
but I like to think the sun can't get enough.
And you see that's like me,
I'm a little like that light,
and when we sing I feel we're shining on.
So if this is a good-bye,
I hope our song will carry on,
I hope our little song will carry on.

L A L A L A L A L A...

2. The tree grows up then it falls back down,
seed in the ground grows up.
I don't know about this up and down
but I like to think the tree can't get enough
And the tree is like me, I shake like a leaf
but when we sing I stand so tall and strong.
So if this is a goodbye
I hope our song will carry on
I hope our little song will carry on

L A L A L A L A L A...

3. Well, people grow up and they fall back down,
in between they try a lot of stuff.
I don't know if they win or they lose
but i do not think these people sing enough.
So agree with me, I'm not always right
but when we sing I feel so safe and warm.
So if this is a good-bye
I hope our song will carry on
I hope little song will carry on

L A L A L A L A L A... TA TA TATAMI.