

Around the World in 28 Weeks: Art, Literature & Geography Lessons for Kindergarten

Week 2 Introduction, Lesson Plan, and Supply Lists

Introduction to Week 2

This week you will be introducing the children in your class to the continent of Asia and the country of India. You can do the lesson plan activities in the order that you prefer.

Prep Work

- Gather book and supplies (see list on page 3)
- Make or buy self-hardening clay
- Print out handouts and 3-hole punch them for notebooks (see list on page 3)

Lesson Plan

Date and Destination (5 - 10 minutes)

Date: First week of September**

Continent: Asia

Country: India

Pretend Passport, Long Version: Stand at the front door right before class starts. As the children come into class, inform them that they are entering Customs at the local airport and hand them their passports (from Week 1) and an airline ticket (free printable available). Direct them toward your helper, who is standing behind a small table in another part of the room and ask them to stand in line. Have your helper "stamp" the children's passports with a U.S. immigration stamp. (from free printable available - glue on first page and stamp with Date Stamp.) Your helper should direct them to the spot in the room where you will be having story time. When all children have arrived and are seated, inform them that they are on an airplane to India. Pretend to fly the airplane to India, then "stamp" their passports again with an India immigration stamp. Let them know that today's stories are old tales from that country, then read.

Pretend Passport, Short Version: As the children come into class, inform them that they have just arrived in India. Hand them each an Airline Ticket and ask for their Passport. "Stamp" their passports with an India immigration stamp (cut out from printable and glue on - see below) and stamp it with a Date Stamp. Direct your children to the spot in the room where you will be having story time. Let them know that today's stories are old tales from that country, then read.

Reading (10 - 15 minutes)

Story: *The Four Friends* and *The Mouse's Bride*, [The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book](#)

Discussion: Ask questions to determine reading comprehension; tailor these to your children's ages and abilities. Depending on the size of your class and as time permits, try to allow each child to participate. Don't drag this part on too long or your kids will lose interest. Here are a few to get you started:

- Did you like the story? Why or why not?
- What was your favorite part?
- Questions based on the Who?, What?, Why?, When?, and How? of a story are great for getting kids thinking.

You may want to have your discussion time while you eat a snack.

Geography (5 - 15 minutes)

Globe or Wall Map Activity: With your class,

- find the Continent of Asia
- point out the different countries on the continent, including India
- find the capitol of India, New Delhi.

India Map Handout*: Pass out the India Map Handout to your class and allow them to color the page as time permits. You may want this to be the last activity of your class so they can be kept busy until the next class starts or until their parents pick them up. Have the kids place their handouts in their World Traveler Notebook (3-ring binder) before they leave.

Art (20 - 30 minutes)

Stone Inlay: from [Global Art: Activities, Projects, and Inventions from Around the World](#). Read the "Did You Know?" sidebar on page 57, then explain the process to your children, following the project instructions. You will need:

- Self-hardening clay (fist-sized amount for each child)*
- Multicolored pebbles and/or flat marbles and/or rhinestones (flat back)
- Dinner-sized paper plates
- Disposable tablecloth to protect tabletop

Note about the process: I plan to have my kids make a round tile, with a hole for hanging (the book suggests a box). Have the kids mold their creations on a paper plate, so they can transport it home easily. This way they can let it dry at home, instead of leaving it in the classroom.

*Such as Crayola Air-Dry Clay (not Model Magic). Or make your own - see printable recipe page on post (do not use the Play Dough recipe).

Other Activities (10 - 15 minutes)

India Facts & Flag Handout*: Pass out and read this handout to your class and allow them to color the page as time permits. You may want this to be the last activity of your class so they can be kept busy until the next class starts or until their parents pick them up. Have the kids place their handouts in their World Traveler Notebook (3-ring binder) before they leave. (Free printable on post.)

Supply Lists

General Supply List

- Globe or large World Wall Map
- 3-Ring binder for each child for handouts, 1-1/2" size
- 3-Hole punch
- Date Stamp
- Computer and Printer (color printer is recommended)
- Markers, crayons, and/or colored pencils
- Roll of paper towels

Week 2 Supply List

- Book: The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book
- Book: Global Art: Activities, Projects, and Inventions from Around the World by MaryAnn F. Kohl and Jean Potter
- Passports and World Traveler Notebooks for each child from Week 1
- Self-hardening clay, fist-sized ball (at least) for each child (make or purchase)
- Multicolored pebbles and/or flat marbles and/or rhinestones (flat back)
- Dinner-sized paper plates
- Disposable tablecloth to protect tabletop
- Printables from this week's post: *Week 2 Lesson Plan, Airline Tickets, Passport Stamps, India & Surrounding Countries Map Handout, Play Dough & Modeling Clay Recipes, and India Facts & Flag Handout*