

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

Week 1 Introduction, Lesson Plan, and Supply Lists

Introduction to Week 1

This week you will be introducing the children in your class to the concept of traveling around the world to visit different countries. Let them know that you will be pretending to travel to distant lands and finding out about many different peoples through their stories, art, food, and more!

Prep Work

- Gather book and supplies (see list on page 3)
- Make or buy apple pie or cut up apples
- Print out handouts and 3-hole punch them for notebooks (see list on page 3)

Lesson Plan

Date and Destination

Date: Last week of August**

Continent: North America

Country: United States

Reading (10 - 15 minutes)

Story: How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman

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 apple pie! (See below.)

Geography (5 - 15 minutes)

Globe or Wall Map Activity: With your class,

- find the Continent of North America
- point out the different countries on the continent, including the United States
- find your State
- find your City or Town (or approximate location).

U.S.A. Map Handout*: Pass out the *World Traveler Notebook Cover Page* and *U.S.A. Map Handout* to your class (free printables available on post) and allow them to color the pages 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.

Other Activities (10 - 15 minutes)

Pretend Passport: You can buy a Bulk Pack of 12 Passport Books or use the Free Printables on this blog. Hand one to each child and have them write their names in them. Explain that when people travel to different countries, a passport is required, and that it is stamped upon entry and exit of each country. Let them know that next week, they will be receiving a passport stamp when they visit India! Have them keep their passports in a pocket in their *World Traveler Notebooks*.

U.S.A. Facts & Flag Handout*: Pass out and read this handout to your class (free printable available on this post) and allow them to color the pages 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.

Culture (10 - 15 minutes)

Eat apple pie or apple slices.

Check with parents/guardians for any food allergies or issues.

*If there is not time in class, provide these as handouts for the kids to do at home. The pages can go in their *World Traveler Notebooks* as a record of their journeys.

**Our homeschool coop begins during the last week of August, but the *Around the World* course can be started at any time of year. Some re-arranging of the weekly plans may be necessary due to holidays, but with a little planning ahead of time, this should be very manageable.

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
- Markers, crayons, and/or colored pencils
- Roll of paper towels and/or wet wipes
- Computer and Printer (color printer is recommended)

Week 1 Supply List

- Book: How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World by Marjorie Priceman
- Apple pie, knife and pie server OR
- Apple slices
- Small plates, napkins, forks
- Small cups and water (optional)
- Bulk Pack of 12 Passport Books, or this Pack of 12 Passport Sticker Books, or use the Free Printables on <http://CottonRidgeHomeschool.com>
- Printables from this post: *World Traveler Notebook Cover Page*, *U.S.A. Map Handout*, and *U.S.A. Facts & Flag Handout*