

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

Week 6 Introduction, Lesson Plan, and Supply Lists

Introduction to Week 6: Scotland

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

Prep Work

- Gather book and supplies (see checklist on page 3)
- 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 October**

Continent: Europe

Country: Scotland

Pretend Passport: Please see Week 2 for suggestions on how to use the Play Passports during your lesson.

Reading (10 - 15 minutes)

Story: *The Girl Who Played with the Stars*, [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 Europe
- point out the different countries on the continent, including England
- point out that Scotland is part of the United Kingdom
- find the capitol of England: Edinburgh.

United Kingdom Map Handout*: Pass this out 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 - 25 minutes)

Portable Gardens (Terrariums): from Global Art: Activities, Projects, and Inventions from Around the World by MaryAnn F. Kohl and Jean Potter. Read the "Did You Know?" sidebar on page 103, then explain the process to your children, following the project instructions.

You will need:

Clear glass or plastic jars with wide mouths and lids
 Miniature plants
 Potting soil
 Peat (I used seed starter since I had it on hand)
 Small pebbles
 Activated charcoal (from aquarium section at pet store)
 Water bottle filled with water

Note about the process: I mixed the Seed Starter Mix with the Potting Soil ahead of time in a large container. Small coffee measuring cups helped with scooping the charcoal and soil into the jars.

Other Activities (10 - 15 minutes)

Scotland 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.)

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

Week 6 Supply List

- Book: [The Lion Storyteller Bedtime Book](#)
- Passports and World Traveler Notebooks for each child from Week 1
- Printables from this post: *Lesson Plan, Cruise Ship Tickets, Passport Stamps, Map Handout, and Facts & Flag Handout*

Supplies for Art Project

- Clear glass or plastic jars with wide mouths and lids
- Miniature plants
- Potting soil
- Peat (I used seed starter since I had it on hand)
- Small pebbles
- Activated charcoal (from aquarium section at pet store)
- Water bottle filled with water
- Disposable tablecloth
- Wet wipes