

OHIO TESOL 2008

Thank you Northeast ABLE Resource Center for the extra special opportunity to make attending the annual conference affordable once again! We truly appreciate it!

This year's conference consisted of numerous exciting sessions for various audiences. While trying to decide what to share with everyone, I remembered a fellow conference attendee's comment about singing during one of the sessions that led me to search the net and discover a collections of songs which could be used in EL/Civics lessons with students of all age groups.

"Try to forget a song once it gets in your mind," said Kathy Olson in her session about how to teach so student remember. Quite impossible, isn't it? Research shows that we generally do not remember verbatim in long-term memory EXCEPT for MUSIC

Therefore, I found it only suitable to combine two good practices and learn about America via songs.

The following is the web site I was referring to:
www.school-house-rock.com

Click on AMERICA ROCKS.

You will find and listen to a bouquet of 10 songs to enhance your EL/Civics lessons:

No More Kings (The Founding of America?)
Fireworks (The Declaration of Independence)
The Shot Heard Around the World (The Start of the Revolution)
The Preamble (The Constitution)
Elbow Room (The Pioneers Opening the West)
The Great American Melting Pot (The Ethnic Diversity of America)
Mother Necessity (Great American Inventors)
Sufferin' Till Suffrage (Women's Right to Vote)
I'm Just a Bill (How a Bill Becomes a Law)
Three Ring Government (The Three Branches of Government)

Whether singing or chanting, all the songs provide an excellent pronunciation practice.

Thank you again, NERC
Sincerely,
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