RALEIGH LITTLE THEATRE
EDUCATION

SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE!

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STUDY GUIDE

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ABOUT RALEIGH LITTLE THEATRE

Founded in 1936, Raleigh Little Theatre (RLT) is one of the oldest, continuously operating, community theatres in the United States. RLT offers entertainment, education, and community programs year-round, reaching over 40,000 people. As a community theatre, RLT engages hundreds of volunteers, under the guidance of professional staff, to achieve its mission and to bring quality live theatre to the Triangle area.
Visit www.RaleighLittleTheatre.org for more information.

ABOUT SCHOOLHOUSE ROCK!

Beginning in the early 1970's, David McCall enlisted the help of Bob Dorough to create entertaining and educational songs for kids after noticing how his son was struggling in math, but was great at memorizing music. Together, the two men would go on to create a multitude of songs throughout the years that would help young kids learn the fundamentals of many subjects in a way that is both effective and exciting. Their first song was "Three is a Magic Number", a song to assist in math. they would go on to create other amazing and well known songs such as "Conjunction Junction" for english learning, or "I'm just a Bill" to teach about the history of our legislative process. With Schoolhouse Rock becoming a well known resource for fun learning, it was time to hit the stage! Schoolhouse Rock Live premiered in 1993 and would continue on to present day as just another amazing way we can use music to help us learn.

SYNOPSIS

Tom is a new teacher who is nervous about his first day. He tries to watch some TV to calm down, when suddenly colorful characters emerge that represent Tom. They use music from Schoolhouse Rock to help Tom feel ready for his first day through the power of imagination, creativity, and fun!

TAKE AWAYS

- Learning can be fun
- Imagination is a powerful tool
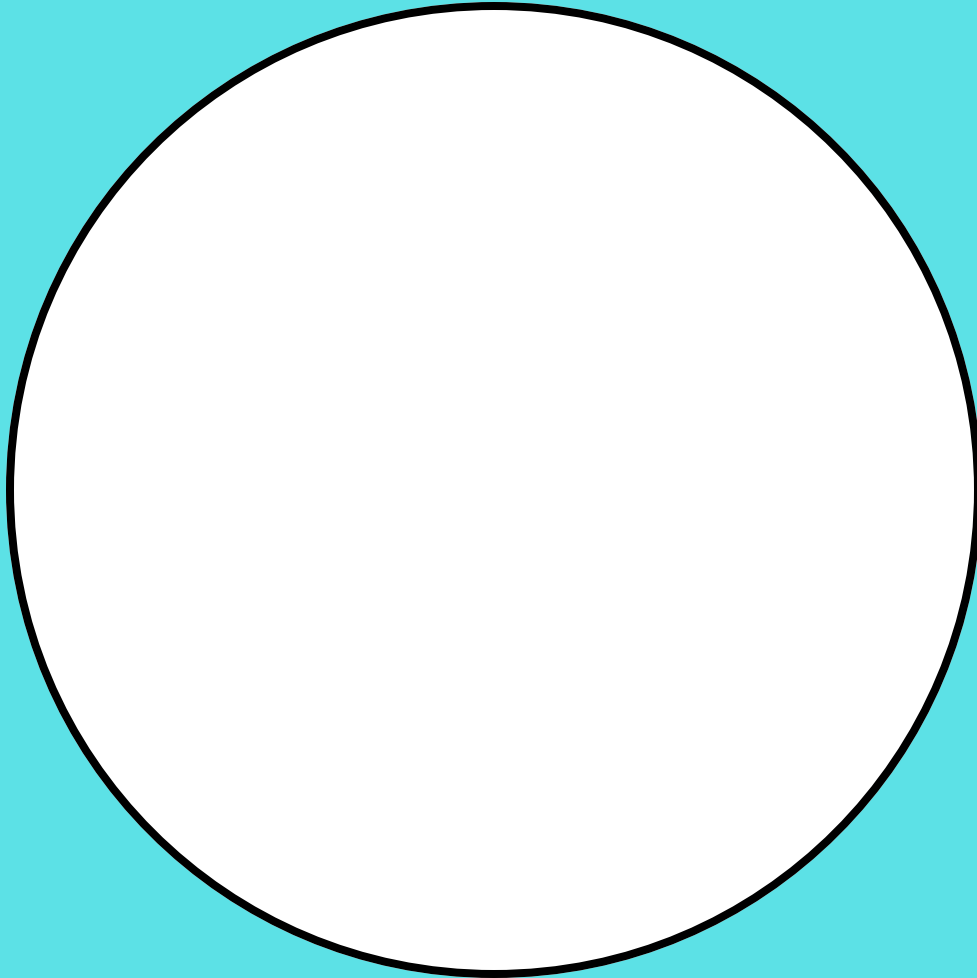- We have nothing to worry about with knowledge on our side

INTERPLANET JANET

Interplanet Janet teaches us all about the solar system! We learn about all the different planets that exist in our solar system, and how we are not the only solar system around! Watch the video and take note of the different planets mentioned and anything you already know about them.

CREATE YOUR OWN PLANET!

Interplanet Janet has found a new planet in our solar system. Help her learn more about it! Draw your own planet down below, then write 3-5 sentences about your new planet. Include the name of your planet, where it fits on our solar system, and some interesting facts about it!

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THE GREAT AMERICAN MELTING POT

Schoolhouse Rock - The Great American Melting Pot
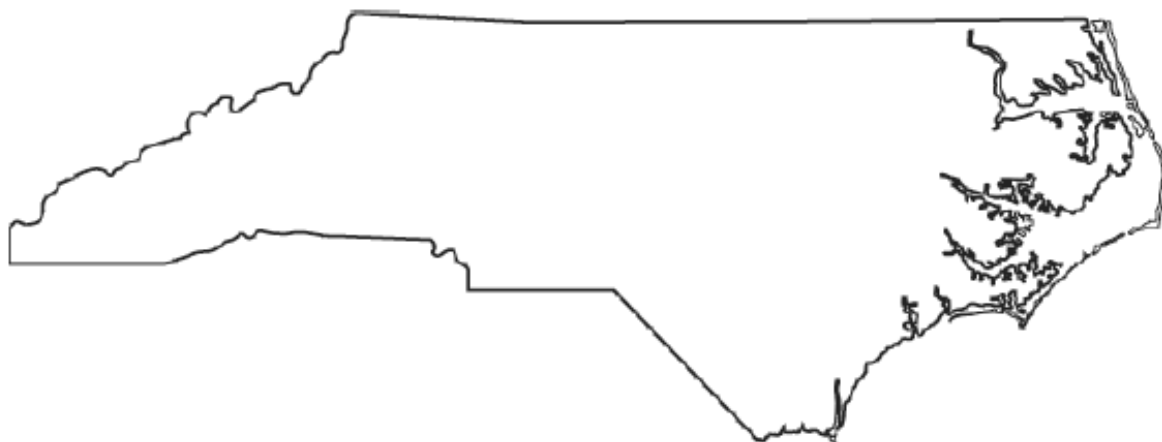
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The Great American Melting Pot helps teach kids American history and how people immigrated to America from all around the world. This song shows us that America wasn't built by any one country, but exists as a mix of people from all around the world. Because of this, everyone can be free to be who they are and achieve their dreams no matter where they come from. Watch the video and think abouit your own family heritage. Where did your family come from?

THE GREAT CLASSROOM MELTING POT!

Everyone comes from somewhere! Think about where your family came from, and go around the class and ask your classmates about where their family came from to! Together, fill in the map with each place someone is from to create your own classroom map!

THREE IS A MAGIC NUMBER

This song is all about the number 3! We learn all the fun things that are made from the number 3, as well as the multiplication table for the number 3. Watch the video and think about any other pairs of 3 you can think of not mentioned.

MULTIPLICATION MAGIC!

We now know about the magic of 3, but what other numbers can be magic? Below, think of something made out of the numbers below, then complete the multiplication problems!

What is something that is made of 5?

5 x 2 =
5 x 4 =
5 x 5 =
5 x 10 =

What is something that is made of 2?

2 x 2 =
2 x 6 =
2 x 8 =
2 x 12 =

What is something that is made of 4?

4 x 3 =
4 x 4 =
4 x 7 =
4 x 9 =

What is something that is made of 10?

10 x 2 =
10 x 5 =
10 x 6 =
10 x 10 =