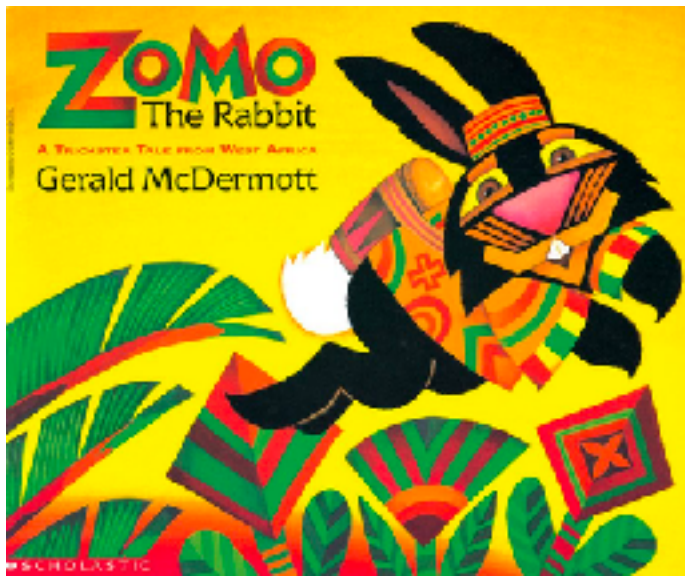


Zomo the Rabbit

West African Storytelling, Dance, and Drumming



Lesson Title: Zomo the Rabbit

Lesson Goal or Big Idea: Think about how others are impacted by your decisions.

Lesson Objectives: The students will..

- 1) Listen will listen to or read Zomo the Rabbit a Trickster Tale from West Africa
- 2) Identify the moral of story
- 3) Learn West African dance Sinte

Competencies Addressed: (Selected from MDE Reading and Language Arts College & Career Readiness Standards)

Kindergarten: With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text. (RL.K.1)

1st Grade: Retell stories, including key details, and demonstrate understanding of their central message or lesson. (RL.1.2)

2nd Grade: Recount stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures, and determine their central message, lesson, or moral. (RL.2.2)

Arts Discipline Strands: (Selected from MDE Visual and Performing Arts Framework)

Creating/Performing Strand – Creating works of art and performing works of art in West African Dance.

History/Culture Strand – Understanding art in the historical and cultural context in which West African dance and storytelling was created.

Lesson Vocabulary Words:

Music: rhythm, beat, tempo, and pattern

Dance: Space, time, energy

1

INTRODUCTION

Introduce African art forms- dance, storytelling, and drums

2

STORY TELLING

Retell the story of Zomo or listen to the story online

Purpose of Storytelling in African Culture

Life lesson/explain a natural occurrence

Moral Comparing stories with similar messages

3

SINTE DANCE

History and purpose of the dance

Learning of movements

4

WEST AFRICAN DRUMMING

History and Purpose of Drumming in West Africa

Learning of rhythm and drum patterns

Procedure: Assessment methods/tools or indicators of success:

Students will answer question about the story and remain engaged. Students will perform dance (while maintain spacing, time, and energy of the movements) and songs learned in front of class or larger audience.

Students will maintain rhythm and tempo for dance performing students.



Lesson Resources and Links:

Zomo the Rabbit (read aloud story): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-gdTnHISn0>

Sinte Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7aAQyJGyxx&t=881s>

Zomo story remake example: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPK8_log3o

African Dance: Lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGPWSFeITEA>

African Drum Lesson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C-gdTnHISn0>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n65_ZOh7jag

Hip Hop Dance Connection- Learn the Roger Rabbit!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IpYqkp6lGcU>