

Name of Activity: **Map it Out**
Grade Level: 3-5
Formation: Form a circle around perimeter of the room
Equipment: US or NC state map, 4 objects (eraser, bean bags, crumbled piece of paper), music

Rules/Directions:

1. Teacher gives 4 students an object.
2. When music begins, students begin to march around the room and pass objects around the circle like hot potato.
3. When music stops, students stop passing the object.
4. Teacher will use a specific rule for which students go to the map to find a specific landmark as designated by the teacher. Sample rules for choosing students to go to the map:
 - Two people to the left
 - Four people to the right
 - Person who sits in front of you
 - Person who sits beside you
 - Person across the circle from you
5. Activity continues until teacher calls STOP.

Variations:

1. While students are at board, rest of class continues movement of marching, jumping, lunging, etc.
2. Other subject areas can be integrated (e.g., when music stops students go to board to spell a word, or work a math problem).
3. Use a different rule each time to prevent students from holding onto the hot potatoes.

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