

ChocQuibTown: Embracing Cultural Identity through Colombian Rap



Est. Time: 30-60 minutes

Subjects: General Music, Physical Education,
Geography

Age Range: Elementary School

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How can the music of ChocQuibTown, from the Pacific Coast of Colombia, help you express and celebrate your cultural identity through Rap?

In this lesson you will:

- Explore Rap and Hip Hop as a form of expression
- Define cultural identity
- Learn how to play a ChocQuibTown beat using body percussion
- Practice singing the chorus of "Somos Pacífico" by ChocQuibTown in Spanish
- Discover the importance of a cypher in Rap culture



Lesson Vocabulary:

Watch [this slideshow](#) to learn some of the Spanish words for this lesson.

Then cut out flashcards from [this handout](#) and quiz yourself on the words.

Who is ChocQuibtown?

ChocQuibTown is a music group from El Chocó - a region on the Pacific Coast in the country of Colombia.

Their music combines Rap with a mix of musical styles unique to the area where they live.

One of their most well-known songs is called, “De Donde Vengo Yo.”

What might “De Donde Vengo Yo” mean in English?

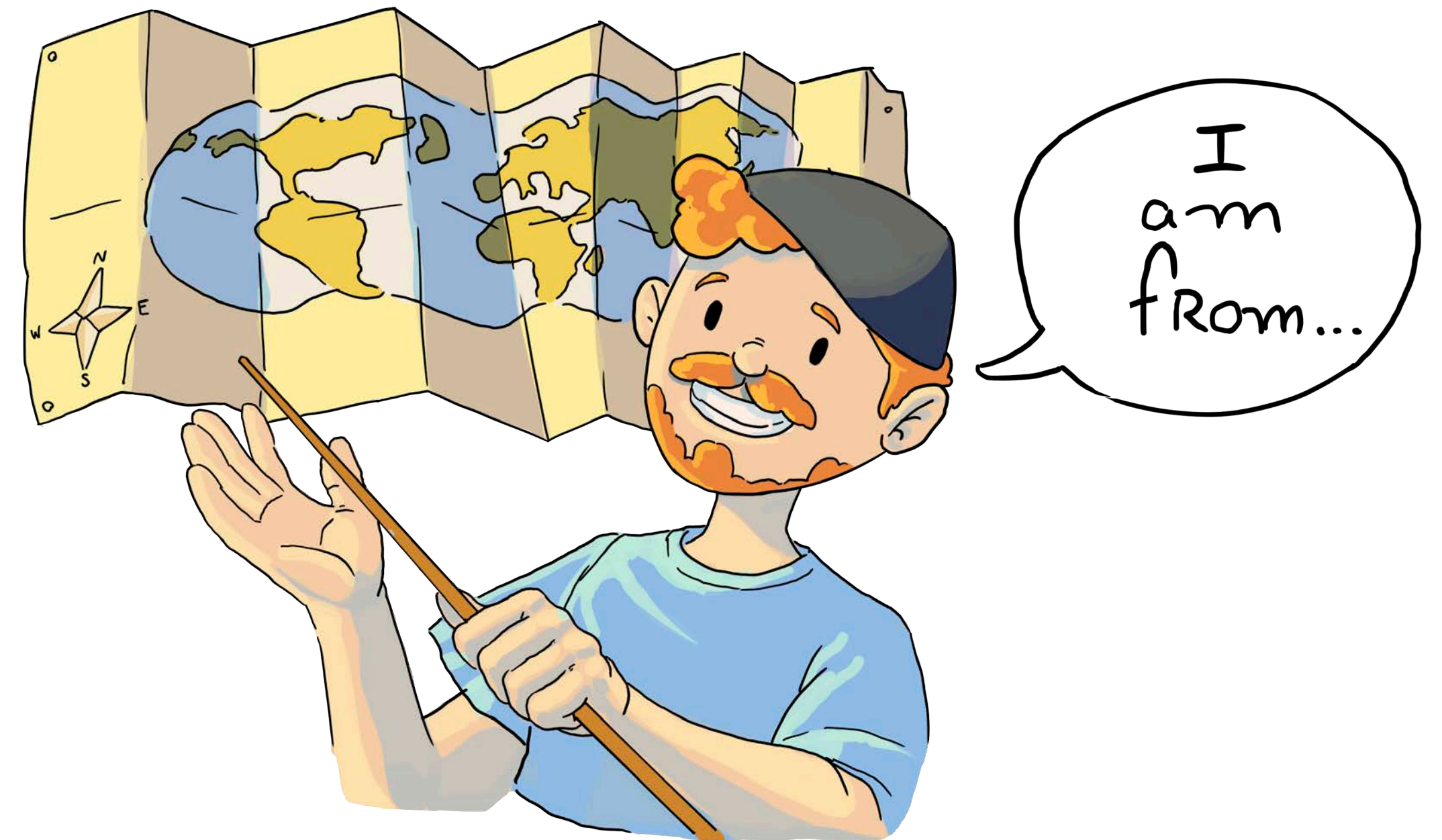


“Where I Come From”

“*De donde vengo Yo*” translates to “Where I come from.”

Where you come from is a part of your **Cultural Identity**, or how you think about yourself and your background.

Use [this handout](#) to draw a picture of something unique about where you come from. You could draw a picture of food people eat where you come from, games people play, or other activities.

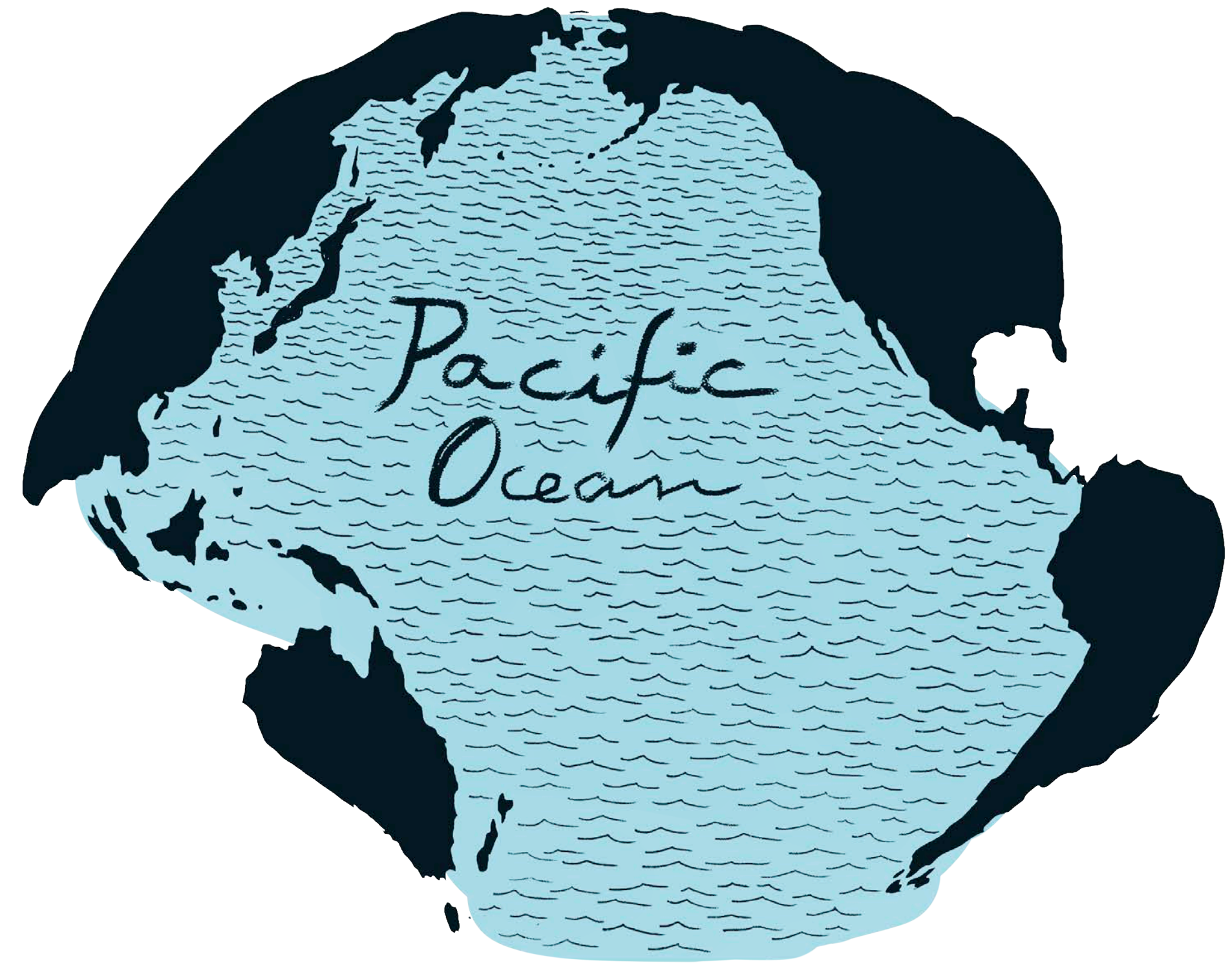


Rapping to “Somos Pacifico”

Watch this video clip of ChocQuibTown performing their song, [“Somos Pacifico” live on KEXP](#)

Then, learn how to create the beat of “Somos Pacifico” with LADAMA by following along with [this video](#).

After that, learn how to sing the chorus of “Somos Pacifico” with [this video](#).



Learning “Somos Pacifico”

Now that you know how to make the beat and sing the chorus to “Somos Pacifico” practice rapping.

Watch [this video](#) to learn how to rap over “Somos Pacifico.”

Then use [this video](#) as a soundtrack to practice rapping.



SUMMARY

- Rap and Hip Hop is a way for people to express and celebrate their cultural identity, and where they come from
- ChocQuibTown is a group from the Pacific Coast region of Colombia who often sing and rap about where they come from

BE CREATIVE

When a group of rappers perform together, they take turns. This is called a Cypher. With friends, create a cypher using [this video](#) as a soundtrack, and rap about where you come from.

Using your body, create your own beat similar to the one used in [this video](#).

Use handout [Extension Activity - Cultural Identity Self Portraits](#) to create a self portrait that represents your cultural identity.

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