

Putumayo Kids CD Collection

Just For Fun Rating (0-5): Age Range: ALL Ages!

Diversity Themes: Race/Ethnicity; Gender; Regional Differences

Potential Questions/Comments/Activities/Games:

1. Have you ever heard songs similar to these? Which ones?
2. Have all family members (and others!) pick their favorite songs. Were these always the same?
3. Point out any similarities between the songs that your child appears to enjoy the most.
4. Play Guess the Country or Region when listening to each song. Whoever gets the most points gets a prize!
5. Dance and sing! Enjoy it just for the music!
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Continuing the Conversation

Look up more information! Pick a topic: country, region, song, artist. Look into the style of music and what it was influenced by and how it influences other types of music. Encourage your child to introduce these songs to friends. Play the music when you have playdates/friends over. Talk to friends about the music and get their thoughts about it. Ask your child why they think we usually hear music from certain countries. Challenge yourself and your kids to find something they like about each song (the beat, the vocals, the lyrics). Translate the lyrics so you can understand the meaning behind each song. Have your child produce their own songs that are influenced by some or all of the songs. Seek out other opportunities to listen to different types of music - especially live!

