

Gangspil Lesson Plan Ideas

Lesson #1: Play a Danish Tune

Learn to play one of the tunes Gangspil has provided on this web page on any instrument you know how to play. Play it for one of your music teachers or make a short recording of yourself playing the tune and post it on your social media. Maybe even Kristian and Sonnich of Gangspil will see it if you mention learning the tune from them in your post.

Lesson #2: Map Exploration

Sonnich's home town of Dragør is located on the island of Amager near Copenhagen. It is so big that it is difficult to even tell that it is an island. Kastrup Airport, one of the busiest airports in all of Scandinavia, is located there as well as one end of Øresund Bridge that links Denmark to Sweden.

Watch the homemade video of Sonnich walking around Dragør and then locate Dragør on the map. Then do some or all of the following topics and choose your favorite and write an essay about it. Or if you get another idea write about that.

--Sonnich talks about his father and grandfather being pilots but I don't think they flew planes. See if you can figure out just what their job was.

--Explore the map and focus on all of the countries around the Baltic Sea and try to understand why Sonnich stresses how important the Strait of Øresund is—why this link between the Baltic Sea and the North Sea and eventually the Atlantic Ocean is so important to Northern Europe.

--As you travel out into the North Sea and the Atlantic Ocean also locate the Faroe Islands and Iceland. Do further research into these two places and find out their connections to the rest of Scandinavia.

--Explore Shetland, which is part of Scotland, and try to understand why there are so many places there with Viking names.

Lesson #3: Make Your Own Hometown Video

Sonnich and Kristian were asked specifically to make this video of ordinary life in Denmark for the Høstfest Schoolfest project. What may seem very ordinary to us might be very exotic to someone in another part of the world. Choose one of the following projects and complete it.

Project #1: Watch the video of Sonnich walking around his home town of Dragør. Dragør has a population of about twelve thousand people—comparable to Jamestown, North Dakota or

about one fourth the size of Minot where Norsk Høstfest takes place every fall. Write an essay comparing and contrasting life in Dragør with where you live.

Project #2: Watch the video of Sonnich walking around his home town of Dragør and then make a video of your own home town. You could just film your home area as you walk around, you could have someone film you as you do a tour of your home area like Kristian did for Sonnich, or you could film a friend or relative and have them lead the tour. Be sure to edit the video down before showing it to others. The video you watched of Sonnich was at least twice as long before it was edited down to the version you just watched.