



Aurora Borealis

SCIENCE: What is the Aurora Borealis?

Introduction:

TiQri's friend Aurora changes him different colors. In places such as Alaska, in the Northern Pacific, the Aurora Borealis is a change in the color of the sky, usually at night. The light can be green or red.

Together as a class read a book or watch a video on the Aurora Borealis, or/and look at photographs to see what the Aurora Borealis looks like. For suggested materials please see the Helpful Resources page.

CREATIVE DANCE: Dancing the Aurora

Supplies Needed:

Various colored scarves or scraps of cloth (one for each student)

Instrumental Music (suggestions: *Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 in C minor*, *Beethoven's Symphony No. 9 in D minor*, *Flight of the Bumblebee*, *Swan Lake*)

Previous Learning Experience Needed:

Students should have an understanding of action words, pathways, levels and speeds from the Getting Across the Room warm-up. If needed, review action words, pathways, levels and speeds.

Instructions for Students:

We are going to use action words, pathways, levels and speeds to become the Aurora Borealis. Form a line. When the music begins, the person in the front of the line will begin to move and everyone will follow the leader. It is important that the leader chooses a very specific way to move. Listen to the music and try to move with it. As you move, wave your scarf above your head. When you hear me clap, the person in front of the line will go to the back and the next person will choose a new way to move, changing the pathway, level and speed.