

England: Kate and Her Orchestra I Love Music Series

Vocabulary:

Define the following key terms:

England, responsibilities, composer, orchestra, clarinet, conduct, scales, rehearsal, Walkman, musicians, “having one’s head in the clouds,” theme, musical arrangement, version, master, mandolin, opinion, cymbal, white cane, keen, obstacles, impressed, tune, tempo, ordinary, flute, soprano, alto, xylophone

Pre-Viewing Questions:

- 1) Locate England on a map or globe. On which continent is England located? Point out London, the English Channel, the North Sea, and the Atlantic Ocean on the map.
- 2) Describe what you think are the general characteristics of England such as climate, geographical features, the people, customs, etc.
- 3) What are some of your favorite activities? What do you want to be when you grow up? Does it involve any of your current activities?

Post-Viewing Questions and Discussion:

- 1) Describe Kate’s town. Compare and contrast England with your town. How are they similar or different? Describe Kate’s home. What is her room like? How is it similar or different from your own room? Is your room bigger or smaller?
- 2) Kate is very excited about an upcoming activity involving her orchestra. What is it? What is Kate’s job? How does she feel about being in charge? Describe some of Kate’s jobs. Imagine that you were Kate. How would you feel? What does Kate want to be when she grows up? How will her work with the orchestra help her in the future?
- 3) Compare and contrast Kate’s activities with your own. How are they similar or different? Do you have to practice or take lessons for any activities in which you are involved? What kind of activities do you practice? How do you practice? How does Kate practice?

Additional Activities:

- 1) Prepare a geographic profile of England noting its size, location, climate, natural resources, and outstanding cultural traits. Describe England’s history, principal industries, people, and major tourist attractions.
- 3) Investigate England’s musical history. Find out about musical traditions, famous conductors and famous composers.