

Teacher:

Welcome to the first day of Mrs. Murdock's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Geography Class.

"Today we will be doing a geography lesson centered on some of the wonders of the world" (Pointing at the globe)

"Try and think of some of the amazing things you have heard about in other countries. What are they? What country are they in?"

Teacher: "Mary Ann?"

Mary Ann: "The Great Pyramids which are in Egypt"

Teacher: "Marv?"

Marv: "I think the Panama Canal is neat, but I'm not sure where it is. "

Teacher That would be Panama, Marv. "Zelda?"

Zelda: "There's a beautiful white building in India."

Teacher: "That's called the Taj Mahal. It is a memorial to wife of the emperor of India. Her name was Mumtaz Mahal . Gwen?"

Gwen: "I think the president's faces on Mt. Rushmore are neat. That's in South Dakota."

Teacher: Harold?"

Harold: "In Italy there is a tower that is very old and is leaning way over."

Teacher: "It's called the Leaning Tower of Pisa". Does any one know what it's for?"

Marv: I think they make pizza in it.

Teacher: No Marv, It's a bell tower for a church. Zelda?"

Zelda: "My uncle went to China. There a big wall all around the country."

Teacher: Yes, that's called the Great Wall and it was built to keep enemies out of China. Geneva?"

Geneva: "They built a neat tunnel from England to Europe that goes under the water."

Teacher: "I believe it is called the Chunnel"

Throughout the lesson, little Johnny Knee keeps jumping up and raising his hand each time and Teacher keeps telling him he cannot speak "No, Johnny, I'm not asking you. Now sit down!"

Teacher: "Why, Elaine, haven't you come up with anything?"

Elaine: "Well, teacher, I've been thinking and thinking and I've come up with seven wonders, but no one else has said any of them yet"

Teacher: Well, please read your ideas to us Elaine".

Elaine shyly reads: I think the greatest wonders of the world are

to see  
to hear  
to taste  
to touch  
to feel  
to laugh  
to love

Teacher (pause a little after student is done reading) ", Well, I think your list is the best of all and you have given us all something to think about".

Then teacher and students quietly walk away.