ITEMS NEEDED:
- Cell phone, iPad, or computer
- Space to move around
- World map or Globe (optional)

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION:
Appreciation for all cultures, including one’s own as well as a desire to learn and explore issues affecting societies, agriculture, environment, and resources around the globe, are key components that make up Global Citizenship. Dancing is one example of a cultural tradition and there are many different styles of dances throughout all regions of the world. This particular activity will focus on the Irish Jig, which is associated with cultures in Ireland and Scotland. The Irish Jig is a lively folk dance often performed in Irish or Scottish celebrations. In learning about other cultures and their traditions such as dancing, you are becoming a global citizen. Now, time to dance!

ACTIVITY DIRECTIONS:
Step One: Learning about the history of the Irish Jig. Click on the link to read and learn more about the Irish Jig [https://www.britannica.com/art/jig-dance](https://www.britannica.com/art/jig-dance)

Step Two: Using a world map, globe or internet search, find the country of Ireland. Hint: it is part of Europe.

Step Three: Let’s learn the Irish Jig! Click on the link to view the instructions and watch the Irish Jig being performed. Follow along with the steps being taught. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHxGisr7a_t](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHxGisr7a_t)

Step Four: Using this video, practice doing the Irish Jig at home. You don’t have to be perfect, just have fun trying to learn a dance from a different culture!

Step Five: Teach your parents, siblings or pet what you have learned by dancing for them. Teach others the importance and history of the dance as well as the steps to the dance.

Step Six: Show off your new dancing skills! With parental permission, make a TikTok of you performing the Irish Jig. Upload the dance to TikTok or Facebook and use the hashtag #4HatHome.

REFLECT/APPLY:
1. Think about dances from other cultures as well as your own culture. How are they different or similar to the Irish Jig? What significance does dancing have in various cultures?
2. What are some other dances that you can explore virtually to learn about their history and importance to a culture?
3. What are some others traditions you can learn about for a different country? A different style of dance or music? A couple of words in a different language?

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