Landmarks of the Trans-Siberian and Trans-Mongolian Railroad Journey
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Introduction:
The purpose of this game is for students to learn the main landmarks of the Trans-Siberian and Trans-Mongolian Railroad journey. Students will see photos and names of landmarks as well as hear the caller call the landmarks and talk briefly about them.

Materials Needed:
- Landmarks posters – better if mounted on brown construction paper and laminated
- Large clear gym area
- Prizes for cake walk winners
- Tape
- Speaker system and CD player for Music
- CD of Music – preferably music from Russia, Mongolia, or China

Directions:
1) Print the Landmark posters and tape them in order to the gym floor. Depending on space, you can put them in a circle or try to recreate the look of the landmarks geographically.
2) Students or parents stand one person on each landmark poster. When the music starts, they walk the “route” of the Trans-Siberian and Trans-Mongolian railroad.

3) The caller stops the music and calls out one of the landmarks, giving a little background information or a hint about the landmark. The person who was standing on the landmark comes to get a small prize.

4) Repeat process for Family Geography Night time duration.

List of Landmarks:

- RUSSIA
  - St. Petersburg
  - The Hermitage
  - St. Petersburg Church of Spilt Blood
  - Red Arrow Train
  - Moscow
  - Kremlin
  - Red Square
  - Terelj National Park Ger Camp

- CHINA
  - Gobi Desert
  - Beijing
  - The Great Wall of China
  - Tiananmen Square
  - The Forbidden City

- ST. BASIL’S CATHEDRAL
- PERM
- VOLGA RIVER
- URAL MOUNTAINS
- IRKUTSK
- LAKE BAikal
- MONGOLIA
- ULAAN BAATAR
- GANDANTEGCHINLEN MONASTERY
- MONUMENT OF GHENGIS KHAN
St. Petersburg
The Hermitage
St. Petersburg Church of Spilt Blood
Red Arrow Train
Red Square
St. Basil’s Cathedral
Volga River
Ural Mountains
Irkutsk
Lake Baikal
Ulaan Baatar
Gandantegchinlen Monastery
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