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Nhạc Lôtô: musical card game for English language learner To, Hong Anh

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Abstract:

After the fall of Saigon in 1975, many Vietnamese migrated to America. Vietnamese immigrants had quintupled to 1.1 million, making them the fifth largest immigrant group in the United States (Terrazas, 2008). There were 25 percent of Vietnamese children from 5 to 17 years old spoke a non-English language at home and spoke English with difficulty (Aud, Hussar, Planty, Snyder, Bianco, Fox, Frohlich, Kemp, and Drake 2010). Many find that current ESL courses and English language lessons do not incorporate relevant cultural information, practices, and experiences that would make learning English more meaningful and understandable. Music is an important part of the culture of Vietnam. Music represents Vietnamese lives. Music can be performed in honored of Gods, expressed religious spirits, holidays, festivals, funerals, weddings, and daily working. Research shows that learning via music has a positive effect on language acquisition. The purpose of Nhac Lôtô: A Musical Card Game for English Language Learners is to provide a musical game that uses music to motivate and to help Vietnamese American third graders to learn basic English language skills.

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