# Empire State Creates: Teaching Artist-Led Activities for Everyone

**Project Title:** Dance Jam Toolbox / Lesson # 3  The Art of Negotiation / Build Better Together  
**Age(s):** 3, 4, 5th Grades  
**Time:** 15 minutes  
**Arts Discipline:** Dance

## ACTIVITY AT A GLANCE

### Goal(s):  
- Explore new ways to think about dance and storytelling.  
- Work as a team to come up with ideas, build dances, and have fun.

### Materials:  
- Resource materials provided - photographs and readings to refer to during the lesson.

### New Word(s)  
- Harmony  
- Balance  
- Connection  
- Negotiation  
- Problem Solve

### NYS Arts Learning Standards (select no more than 2 - student audiences only)  
DA:Cr1.1.3  
Explore a given movement problem through dance improvisation.  
Select and show a solution using accurate dance oriented language.  
Work together to develop choreographic material by manipulating the elements of dance.

## STEPS

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| Step #1 / Introduction to Lesson # 3  
Step #1A / Warm-up  
Step #1B / Improvisation |
| Step #2 | Explanation / Discuss the theme of Lesson # 3:  
Connection - All children live on earth but they are also connected with the sun, moon, stars and the sky around them.  

Read the poem: “Star Gazing”.  
Look at illustrations by Debra Frasier. |
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<td>Step #3</td>
<td>Creative Task - work as a team on a dance project based on what was just examined, the photos and the poem “Star Gazing.” Add form to this project: ABCA - a dance study with beginning, middle, end, and a return to the beginning.</td>
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| Step #4 | Final group discussion is encouraged so the participants reflect on the project they just created as an ensemble.  

Send off - a final suggestion: one more fun step the group might take, to continue enjoying the creative collaborative dance building process. |
| Activity Modifications (as needed): |