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One of my favorite activities to do with 5<sup>th</sup> grade each October is Purple People Eater! It is great over-all review of many aspects of movement we had been working on in past years. It is also completely their ideas (some silly) and gives them a chance to be themselves! So fun!

Materials:

Track – Purple People Eater by Sheb Wooley

Pre-Knowledge:

- ~ locomotor and non-locomotor movement
- ~ level changes
- ~ different formations
- ~ feeling comfortable creating movement ideas



I play for my 5<sup>th</sup> grader the introduction, verse one, and the first time through the chorus for this song (about 30 seconds). We listen to it a few times and my students have to start brainstorming movement. Here are the rules:

- ~ There must be at least four ideas (or more)
- ~ There must be a level change
- ~ There must be a formation change
- ~ There must be two non-locomotor movements and two locomotor movements
- ~ There must be a moment when two different movements are happening at the same time

Once groups have their creation, we record each group moving to the first 30 seconds of this song. Then I take all the group ideas and string them together. Then I put the WHOLE song over the top (it may not match perfectly but it is close).

Here is an example of a class a few years ago:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B-n8VpRldmhJOGV1cG5MTVNKLvk/view?usp=sharing>

Enjoy!

