



Lesson: Musical Theater

Artform: Drama

Skill Level: Low

Teaching Artist: Nanci Dorau

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Introduce Musical Theater and Movies

- Students will learn what musical theater is and different types of this art.
- Students will become familiar with the names of some musicals.
- Students will be able to see some videos on YouTube of various musicals.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Musical theater is a play or a movie with music, singing and dancing added. These musicals may be a movie or a live performance on a stage. The best musicals are presented in New York City at many theaters on a street named 'Broadway', but many of them travel to cities in other states. When made into a movie, a musical may be animated like a cartoon, or live theater with real actors, singers and dancers. Let's learn about the musical theater!

MATERIALS

- Computer and internet access with parental guidance

ACTIVITIES

Vocabulary:

1. **Theater** is a place with a stage and chairs for an audience to watch a show such as a musical, dance, or concert.

2. To **Act** is to pretend to be someone else.

3. **Pretend** is to act like something you are not.

4. **Applause** is clapping when you like a show.

5. **Pretend** to be an animal of your choice. How do they sound? How do they move? 'Act' like other animals and have your parent 'guess' what you are!

6. **Tongue twisters:** These 2 tongue twisters will help you speak words more clearly.

BIG BUGS BITE BEARS.

TOY BOATS, TOY BOATS, TOY BOATS.

7. Musicals

There are so many **musicals**. A musical is a play with singing and dancing. Some are stage musicals and then made into movies and some are movies that then are made into stage musicals. How many of these musicals have you seen? Try to find new or ones you have seen on the internet or Netflix. Have fun!

Make sure you ask your parent's permission to watch these movies.

The Lion King

Oliver

The Sound of Music

Shrek the Musical

Cinderella

Wizard of Oz

Peter Pan

Beauty & the Beast

Mary Poppins

Frozen

9. Some **YouTube videos** of songs and dances from popular Musical Theater to watch:

- a. "Disney Frozen - Let It Go Song with Lyrics"
- b. "Can't Stop The Feeling!" Official Movie Clip | TROLLS"
- d. "It's a hard knock life" ORIGINAL Annie 1982

ACCOMMODATIONS FOR INCLUDING ALL CHILDREN

If the student uses a wheelchair, you can push them through the movements given. If there is an activity that involves using the hands and this is difficult for the student, use the 'hand over hand' (your hand on top of theirs) or 'hand under hand' (your hand under their hand) technique to guide them through the activity. Students with visual impairment will need the directions and information read to them. Those with hearing impairment may need to use American Sign Language. Lifepoint.com is a wonderful website to learn ASL. Check it out! Those students who are nonverbal may use their speaking devices. Let the student be creative in their own way and encourage them to do the activity only to the best of their own ability. Remember "there is no disability in the Arts" and there is no wrong answer with these lesson plans. Have fun with these activities.

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