

# MUSICAL THEATRE

Musical Theatre, my favourite! While I much prefer to watch it live on stage, that isn't always an option. Thankfully, there are many ways you can enjoy musical theatre from the comfort of your own home. Musical movies are adaptations of stage performances and are also very enjoyable. There are currently a number of theatre companies that are streaming their performances online for you to watch at home.

For this assignment, you will choose a musical movie to watch and enjoy. You will then answer the following questions about that movie. It is a good idea to review the questions in advance so you know what to watch for in the movie. But make sure you also enjoy the movie, as well.

1. Summarize the plot of the musical in one paragraph.
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3. What was your favourite song from the musical movie?
  - A. What character(s) sang the song?
  - B. What was the purpose of the song in the musical?
  - C. If the song were a monologue, how would that affect the plot?
  - D. If the song were omitted, how would that affect the plot?
4. Identify a scene from the musical that could only happen the way it did because it was done in a movie. Describe in your own words what happened in the scene. How might you adapt that scene for the stage?
5. List four advantages of doing a musical movie over doing a musical on the stage. (For example, you can do multiple takes if you make a mistake.)
6. List four advantages of doing a musical onstage over doing a musical movie. (For example, hearing the audience applaud a wonderful moment.)
7. Would you rather watch a musical movie or a live musical in a theatre? Why?
8. What year was the movie musical made?
  - A. Is it based on a stage musical, or is it an original creation?
  - B. Is it based on anything, or adapted from anything (such as a book or musical album)?
  - C. If it's based on a stage musical, what year was the musical itself written?
  - D. Has the musical been performed on Broadway, the West End, etc.? When? Where?
  - E. Are there any different film or stage versions or adaptations to your chosen movie musical? Are there any sequels or prequels?
  - F. What are they, and when were they made?
9. Critical Eye: Did you notice any mistakes, editing errors, or inconsistencies in the movie musical? Describe what happened. (If you didn't notice any, tell me you didn't see any. Don't just skip this question.)
10. Why do you think people enjoy watching movie musicals?