



Broadway Baby!

Music

The Broadway musical is a musical form that involves a story told with singing, drama and dancing. *Oklahoma*, *West Side Story*, *The Sound of Music*, *Grease* and *Annie* are all famous musicals that have played on Broadway. Many musicals are made into movies.

National Standards: Fine Arts > Music

- #6 Listening to, analyzing and describing music.
- #7 Evaluating music and musical performances.

Kentucky: Arts & Humanities > Music Standards

- Identify and discuss simple musical forms.
- Identify and discuss various styles of music.

Ohio: Arts > Music Standards

Valuing Music/Aesthetic Reflection

- Demonstrate how music communicates meaning of text, feelings, moods, or images, and influences personal preferences.

Objective

Students will learn about the music form of a Broadway musical and how it differs from a regular play. Use the following question prompts to help students begin thinking.

- What are some different ways music can be used in a play?
- Do all plays use music?
- What is a musical?
- What is a Broadway musical?

Materials

- Videos of musicals to view short segments for examples (optional)

Activity

Teacher will:

- List examples of Broadway musicals.
- Discuss the difference between a Broadway musical and a regular play.
- Use examples of Disney videos with music and have students discuss what those videos would be like without the element of music.
- Have students write a short story and incorporate children's songs into the story to create a musical story.