Grade 7 Introduction to Musical Theatre - Unit 1 - The Exploration of the Musical

Unit Focus

C'mon along and listen to the lullaby of Polson Musical Theatre! In this first unit, students will learn about a musical that they have never seen before. Through research, observation and group work, students will present information and perform a short sequence for the class.

Stage 1: Desired Results - Key Understandings

Standard(s)

National Core Arts Standards
Theatre: 5

- Explain personal reactions to artistic choices made in a drama/theatre work through participation and observation. (TH:Re7.1.5.a)
- Theatre: 7 Demonstrate focus and concentration in the rehearsal process to analyze and refine choices in a devised or scripted drama/theatre work. (TH:Cr3.1.7.a)
- Describe how cultural perspectives can influence the evaluation of drama/theatre work. (TH:Re8.1.7.b)

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- Inquiry: Posing, pursuing, and refining significant questions to deepen understanding about a topic or issue. (POG.1.1)
- Collective Intelligence: Working respectfully and responsibly with others, exchanging and evaluating ideas to achieve a common objective. (POG.3.1)

Transfer

Students will be able to independently use their learning to...
T1 Create works of art to personally engage in the artistic process and/or communicate meaning
T2 Examine a topic or genre to better understand a piece of art or artist in relation to time and place

Meaning

Understanding(s)

Students will understand that...
U1 a musical is a play which tells a story through music, dance and dialogue.
U2 musicals are influenced by the time period and its cultural influences.
U3 well-known musicals have a rich history.

Essential Question(s)

Students will keep considering...
Q1 How does knowing more about the topic change or deepen my understanding?

Acquisition of Knowledge and Skill

Knowledge

Students will know...
K1 there are different styles of musicals.
K2 musical theatre is a combination of acting, singing and dancing.
K3 several musicals, and important details about them.

Skill(s)

Students will be skilled at...
S1 performing their research.
S2 presenting information to an audience.
S3 working as a group towards a common goal.