



# *From Source Material to Musical Theatre Activity Sheet*

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## **Activity 1: From Source to Stage**

Fill in the blank below with the title of your chosen source material:

Source Material: \_\_\_\_\_, the Musical!

## **Activity 2: Research & Context**

Before diving into the music, it's important to understand the world of your source material. Consider the following questions and conduct some research to inform your choices for Activity 3 and Activity 4:

- **Setting:** Where and when does the story take place? Describe the environment, time period, and any relevant cultural or social context.

Where: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

When: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

- **Historical/Cultural Influences:** Are there any specific historical events, cultural traditions, or social issues that are important to understanding the story?

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### Activity 3: Themes

**Themes:** What are the major themes explored in the story (e.g., love, loss, power, identity, etc.)?

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### Activity 4: Musical Moments

Think about the beginning, the climax (the point of highest conflict), and the finale of your chosen story. For each of these moments, brainstorm a popular song that you believe would perfectly capture the mood and enhance the theatrical experience. Consider how the song's lyrics, melody, and overall style would contribute to the storytelling and resonate with the audience.

- Opening Song: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Climactic Song/Highest Point of Tension: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Finale Song: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 5: Thematic Resonance

Now, let's explore the underlying themes of your chosen source material and how they connect with the songs you've selected. For each song, explain how it reflects or reinforces one or more of the story's key themes.

- **Opening Song:** Theme(s) reflected: \_\_\_\_\_.

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Climactic Song:** Theme(s) reflected:  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Finale Song:** Theme(s) reflected: \_\_\_\_\_.

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Activity 6: Dream Cast

Think of at least three main characters in your chosen story. Which actors (living or dead!) would you cast in these roles? Consider their acting abilities, singing voices (if applicable), and overall stage presence.

### Characters:

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### Actors:

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