

Year 9 Music – Musical Theatre Worksheet

1. What is Musical Theatre? (Starter)

a) In your own words, describe what musical theatre is:

b) Tick the features you think are part of musical theatre:

- ☐ Singing
 - ☐ Dancing
 - ☐ Acting
 - ☐ Spoken dialogue
 - ☐ Instruments only (no voices)
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2. Key Terminology

Match the word to the correct definition:

Word	Definition
Ensemble	A song with lots of characters singing together
Solo	A group of performers (not main characters)
Chorus	A song sung by one performer
Duet	A song performed by two people

Write your answers below:

Ensemble = _____

Solo = _____

Chorus = _____

Duet = _____

3. Famous Musicals

Fill in the missing information:

Musical	Composer	One Song You Know
The Lion King	_____	_____
Matilda	_____	_____

Wicked		
Hamilton		

4. Listening Task

Listen to 'Defying Gravity'

a) What is the name of the Musical it is from?

b) What is happening in the story?

c) Which musical features can you hear?

- ☐ Solo
- ☐ Duet
- ☐ Chorus
- ☐ Instrumental

5. Song Analysis

Choose a musical theatre song (*Revolting Children*, or *Circle of Life*) and answer:

Song title: _____

Musical: _____

a) What emotions does the song express?

b) How does the music help show this? (tempo, dynamics, instruments)

c) What is the purpose of this song in the story?

- ☐ Introduces a character
- ☐ Shows emotions
- ☐ Moves the story forward
- ☐ Adds humour

6. Creative Task

Write your own short musical theatre idea:

Title: _____

Plot (2–3 sentences):

Song idea (what would the main song be about?):

7. Extension Challenge ★

Explain why songs are important in musical theatre:
