

# The History of The Musical



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1. How old is musical theatre? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the difference between vaudeville and burlesque theatre? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What are the main differences between opera-bouffe and operetta? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Name three examples of opera-bouffe and three examples of operetta \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. What is the difference between Broadway and the West End? \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. What kind of musical theatre was similar to the 1980s Royal Variety performances? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Using the internet, choose one musical that took place before 1970, which you have not heard of before. Name of musical \_\_\_\_\_
  - a) Sum up the synopsis in three sentences \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - b) Watch a clip from the musical (or a film version of the musical) on YouTube. What is Happening and when in the story does this take place? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - c) Write down three adjectives that describe this musical \_\_\_\_\_  
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d) List three ways that this musical appears different from musicals today. \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What do you think musical theatre offers that a play cannot? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. Why do you think musical theatre has never died out, despite the fact that we now have TV, Internet etc? \_\_\_\_\_

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