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American Musical Analysis & Feedback

The traditional American musical uses spoken dialogue, song lyrics, and dance to develop plot and characters.

1. Describe one song and what its lyrics told you about a particular character. *Be specific!*
2. Describe one time when song lyrics further developed the plot. Tell the plot piece the song lyrics gave you. *Be specific!*
3. Describe a point at which dance helped to define the personality or state of mind of a character or group of characters. *Be specific!*
4. Describe a point when dance further developed the plot. *Be specific!*

Movies of musicals usually “open up” a stage play, although they might not add or change dialogue, songs, or dance. They add different locations, frequently many more than would be practical on stage.

- 5-6. Tell two particular locations you think would be essential for the audience to see on stage. Justify your answers.
7. Tell one location that appeared in the movie that you think would not be essential on the stage. Explain.
8. Who was your favorite character? Why?
9. What was your favorite point in the movie? Why?
10. What was your least favorite point or characteristic of the movie? Why?