# Wicked Analysis PacketAct I

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1. **Class Discussion:** Did you ever have a friend from school that you don’t see or talk to anymore, or aren’t friends with anymore?
2. **Bump Read:**
Elphaba was the daughter of the governor of Munchkinland - but it is heavily implied that she is the product of an affair between the governor's wife and a mysterious stranger and his bottle of "green elixir." Elphaba was born with green skin as a result. Her father resented her and showered his affection on her younger sister, Nessarose, who is physically disabled and uses a wheelchair. The two sisters both go to Shiz University, where the beautiful and popular Galinda is also in their class ("Dear Old Shiz"). As their father says goodbye, he gives Nessarose a pair of silver slippers, while barely showing Elphaba any care. Elphaba understands that her father's intention for sending her to school is to look after Nessarose. The headmistress, Madame Morrible, decides to take Nessarose under her protection, leaving Elphaba and Galinda as roommates to their chagrin. Elphaba attempts to take back her sister, and her anger manifests itself physically in an explosion. Madame Morrible recognizes that she has special powers and decides to teach her sorcery - and to teach no one else, even though Galinda had her heart set on studying magic at school. She even tells Elphaba that her powers might allow her to work with the Wonderful Wizard of Oz, something Elphaba has dreamed of.
3. **Listen:** “The Wizard and I” & answer questions on song by raising your hand.
4. **Answer:** Have you ever had to share a room with someone you didn’t get along with? Who was it and why didn’t you get along?
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5. **Bump Read:**Galinda and Elphaba fight constantly, even in their classes, such as their history class with Dr. Dillamond. Dr. Dillamond is the only Animal professor at the university and is beginning to suffer from [discrimination](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Discrimination), even from the students. He tells Elphaba that there is a conspiracy to stop the Animals from speaking, and she wants to let the Wizard know, for he would surely stop it.
6. **Listen:** “Something Bad” & answer #7.
7. **Answer:** What do you think is happening to Dr. Dillamond?
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8. **Read aloud together:** Meanwhile, a young rebellious prince, Fiyero, has arrived at Shiz.
9. **Listen:** “Dancing Through Life” & answer questions on song by raising your hand.
10. **Bump Read:**Elphaba arrives to the party, wearing the witch's hat that Galinda gave her, only to find the other students laughing and staring while she awkwardly dances alone. Galinda feels regretful, and goes to dance with Elphaba. Soon everyone joins them, and the two girls look at each other in a new light. Afterwards, back in their room, they continue to bond. Galinda tells Elphaba of her plans to marry Fiyero even though he hasn't proposed, and asks Elphaba to share a secret with her as well. Elphaba confesses that her father blames her for the death of her mother. For fear that her younger sister also be born green, he forced her to drinking elderflower extract, who then dies birthing Nessarose. Galinda decides that she will help Elphaba become popular and she gives her roommate the nickname "Elphie" ("Popular").
11. **Listen:** “Popular” & answer #12.
12. **Answer:** Circle where on the chart you think Galinda is and tell me why. 5 is the middle.

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13. **Bump Read:** When Elphaba arrives at class the next day, Fiyero sees Galinda's influence, and tells Elphaba that she doesn't need to change. Dr. Dillamond enters to tell the class that he is excommunicated - he is no longer permitted to teach. Elphaba wants to help, but no one will stand up with her. Right afterwards, the students are introduced to the new technological advancement of the cage, which will keep Animals controlled, so that they never learn to speak. Elphaba's fury cannot be contained, and in the ensuing chaos, she and Fiyero steal the Lion cub ("Cowardly Lion") in the cage and escape. Fiyero is disillusioned about what he has just seen and what he is doing, but he is taken by Elphaba's passion. She begins to fall in love with him and they share a tender moment before he has to leave to free the lion cub. Elphaba reminds herself that it's pointless to wish for something to happen between them.
14. **Listen:** “I’m Not That Girl.”
15. **Discussion:** Have you ever earned something you thought you didn’t deserve? What was it?
16. **Bump Read:** Madame Morrible comes and tells her that the Wizard has decided to meet her. Nessarose and Galinda come to see her off, and Fiyero meets her too. Galinda tries to win his respect by changing her name to "Glinda", in solidarity with Dr. Dillamond, who always mispronounced her name. But Fiyero isn't impressed, saying goodbye to Elphaba instead. It is hinted that their feelings are finally mutual. Elphaba invites Glinda to the Emerald City with her ("One Short Day").
17. **Listen:** “One Short Day”
18. **Answer:** Now that Elphaba has been to the Emerald City, what do you think she will do? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Bump Read:** At last, the two girls stand in front of the Wizard. He turns out to be not quite as intimidating as they thought ("A Sentimental Man"). He promises Elphaba that he will grant her request if she proves herself. Madame Morrible appears; she is the Wizard's new "Press Secretary". She gives Elphaba an ancient book of spells, called the "Grimmerie," which only the magically gifted can read. Elphaba is asked to try a levitation spell on the Wizard's monkey servant, Chistery. However, the spell doesn't go the way Elphaba plans when Chistery sprouts wings, and she realizes that the Wizard is the one behind the suppression of the Animals. Elphaba has been tricked, and instead of just performing the spell on one monkey, she actually performed the spell on all of them. Elphaba realizes that the Wizard is not who she thought he was - he has no powers; he is merely a fraud who cannot read the Grimmerie. He offers her and Glinda everything they've ever wanted if they will help him, but Elphaba is unwilling to comply. She runs away, and in order to prevent the truth from getting out, Madame Morrible spreads reports that Elphaba is "wicked," not to be trusted, and claims that Elphaba is the one behind the animal mischief. This only reaffirms Elphaba's belief that she must not let anyone hold her down; she must go on her own to do what's best for her. She performs a spell on a broom and flies.

1. **Listen:** “Defying Gravity” & answer questions on song by raising your hand.
2. **Predict:** What will happen in Act Two?

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