

ADB/ATU 3M: MUSIC THEATRE RESEARCH TOPICS

Here is a partial list of possible topics for research. The key question is:

What unique contribution did this individual/this production make to Music Theatre?

COMPOSERS/LYRICISTS

Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II (Oklahoma, Carousel, Sound of Music)

Alan Jay Lerner & Frederick Loewe (My Fair Lady, Camelot)

Jerry Bock & Sheldon Harnick (Fiddler on the Roof, She Loves Me, Fiorello)

Stephen Sondheim (Company, Sweeney Todd, Into the Woods)

Andrew Lloyd Webber (Phantom of the Opera, Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita)

Frank Loesser (Guys and Dolls, Where's Charley?)

Charles Strouse & Lee Adams (Bye Bye Birdie, Applause)

Alain Boublil & Claude-Michel Schonberg (Les Miserables)

John Kander & Fred Ebb (Cabaret, Chicago)

George & Ira Gershwin (Porgy and Bess, My One and Only)

Stephen Schwartz (Pippin, Godspell, Wicked)

Jerry Herman (Mame, Hello Dolly, La Cage aux Folles, Mack and Mabel)

Cole Porter (Anything Goes, Kiss Me Kate)

Leonard Bernstein (West Side Story, Wonderful Town)

Irving Berlin (Annie Get Your Gun)

Elton John & Tim Rice (Lion King, Aida, Billy Elliott)

CHOREOGRAPHERS/DIRECTORS

Bob Fosse Gower Champion

Michael Bennett Michael Kidd

Agnes DeMille Katherine Marshall

Susan Stroman Julie Taymor

Jerome Robbins Harold Prince

Donna Feore Twyla Tharp

PRODUCERS

David Merrick

Garth Drabinsky

Cameron Mackintosh

PERFORMERS

Carol Channing

Gwen Verdon

Chita Rivera

Mary Martin

Barbra Streisand

Angela Lansbury

Ethel Merman

Len Cariou

Kristen Chenoweth

Bernadette Peters

Julie Andrews

Cynthia Dale

NEWER MUSICALS

Urinetown (2001)

Avenue Q (2003)

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (2005)

The Color Purple (2005)

Spamalot (2006)

Drowsy Chaperone (2006)

Grey Gardens (2006)

In the Heights (2008)

Next to Normal (2008)

OTHER SHOWS OF NOTE

Grease (1972)

A Chorus Line (1975)

Little Shop of Horrors (1982)

Rent (1996)

The Producers (2001)

Jersey Boys (2005)

Hairspray (2002)

Spring Awakening (2006)

Shrek (2008)

YOU ARE INVITED TO NEGOTIATE OTHER TOPICS WITH YOUR TEACHER