

Sister Act Student Guide

Sister Act the musical tells the story of Deloris Van Cartier, a disco diva who is witness to a murder. To protect her, the police decide to hide her in the last place anyone would think to look: a convent! Disguised as a nun, Deloris is confronted by a rigid lifestyle and the stern Mother Superior who maintains the order. However, Deloris soon discovers that her talent for music inspires the convent choir to find their voices.

Did you know??

Sister Act the musical is a show that was adapted from the movie of the same name starring Whoopi Goldberg. Did you know that four of the films Goldberg has been a part of have been adapted into Broadway musicals, including *Sister Act*?

The other films are:

- *The Lion King* — she originated the voice of Shenzi the Hyena
- *Ghost* — she won an Oscar for her role as Oda Mae Brown
- *The Color Purple* — she portrayed the titular character Celie

Let's adapt or make our own film into musical!

Think about your favorite movie and what makes it special. Fill in the blank below with your chosen film:

Movie name: _____, the Musical!

Now, think of at least three main characters in that movie. Which actors would you cast in those roles? Ready? Go ahead...

Characters

Actors

There is a genre of shows called "jukebox musical" where existing popular songs are used to create the score and support the storytelling. A few examples are: *Juliet*, *Moulin Rouge* and *Mamma Mia!*. Think about the beginning, the climax (the point in the show with the highest conflict) and the finale of the show. For each moment, brainstorm a popular song that you believe would perfectly capture the mood and enhance the theatrical experience. Consider how the song's lyrics, melody and overall style would contribute to the storytelling and resonate with the audience.

Opening Song: _____

Climatic Song: _____

Finale Song: _____

CONGRATS!!! You have started to create a new musical!

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Remake a song from *Sister Act* in your own words!

Fill in the Blanks: Players provide a series of words (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.) to fill in blanks in a pre-written song.

The Funny Results: Once all the blanks are filled, read the song aloud. The combination of unexpected and often nonsensical sentences creates hilarious and unpredictable results.

“Raise your _____!”

First rule of 1) _____
verb ending in “ing”

Get the 2) _____ 3) _____!
noun verb ending in “ing”

Toss everything in—

4) _____ down deep inside.
adverb

When you've got a 5) _____ worth hearin'.
noun

There's 6) _____ thing to do—
number

just keep your 7) _____ from interferin',
noun

and let the 8) _____ burst through!
animal

Raise your 9) _____!
noun

Lift it up to heaven!

Raise your 10) _____!
noun

Come on, don't be 11) _____!
adjective

If you feel it, why conceal it'

Let your soul rejoice!

12) _____ the stakes!
verb

13) _____ your game!
verb

14) _____ your voice!
verb