

WICKED

The untold true story of the Witches of Oz

◆ INTRODUCTION ◆

Welcome to WICKED!

Gregory Maguire's novel, *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* (1995) was based on L. Frank Baum's novel *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and the 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz*, and explored the untold story of the *Wicked Witch of the West*. The musical *WICKED* (2003), with its book by Winnie Holzman and music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, is based on this revised telling of the classic tale of Oz.

This musical provides students with a unique opportunity to explore the wonderful world of Oz and its characters from different perspectives. This production is not only entertaining, but also serves as a powerful tool for education.

This resource will serve as a guide to allow teachers and students to engage with the marvellous story of *WICKED*. For full *WICKED* materials and individual activity pages visit WickedTheMusical.com.au/education

SUBJECTS AND GENERAL CAPABILITIES

This guide has been prepared in order to help you explore this musical with your students, tying in with the Australian Curriculum, including the subject areas of **English, Humanities & Social Sciences**, and **the Arts**, as well as the **General Capabilities of Literacy, Critical and Creative Thinking, Personal and Social Capability** and **Ethical Understanding**.

KEY THEMES

This guide contains activities and points of discussion that will assist you in exploring the themes of **'good versus wicked', 'appearances and differences', 'friendship', 'popularity', and 'propaganda and critical thinking'**. This educational guide includes activities and materials for Years 7-12. Before seeing the musical, teachers are encouraged to ensure they have researched the content of the musical to ensure suitability for their contexts and students. Teachers are invited to select the activities in this guide that are suitable for their contexts and students, and these may be used either prior to seeing *WICKED* or after seeing the musical.

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