

## Core Skills Analysis

### English

- Through analyzing the differences between the musical and the movie, the student practiced critical thinking skills by comparing and contrasting different forms of storytelling.
- By discussing the themes and character development in both versions, the student improved their ability to analyze literature and understand the importance of interpretation.
- Exploring the adaptation process from book to musical/movie helped the student understand the creative choices made by writers and directors, deepening their understanding of narrative structure.

### Music

- Comparing the musical versions of Matilda to the movie provided the student with an opportunity to understand the role of music in storytelling and emotional expression.
- Analyzing the differences in musical compositions between the two mediums allowed the student to appreciate how music can enhance a narrative and create atmosphere.
- Discussing the use of songs in the musical and how they differ from traditional dialogue in the movie broadened the student's knowledge of diverse forms of artistic expression.

### General knowledge

- Researching and discussing the background of the Matilda story, its author, and the process of adaptation informed the student about the entertainment industry and the creative work involved in producing films and musicals.
- Exploring the differences in reception and popularity between the musical and the movie expanded the student's awareness of audience preferences and cultural influences on media consumption.
- Reflecting on how the themes of the story resonate differently with audiences in various formats enhanced the student's understanding of the impact of storytelling on different mediums.

### Tips

To further develop learning from the activity, encourage the student to engage in creative writing exercises where they can reimagine a scene from Matilda in their own words, or compose a song inspired by the themes of the story. Additionally, watching other adaptations of books into musicals or movies can provide a broader perspective on storytelling across different mediums.

### Book Recommendations

- [Matilda](#) by Roald Dahl: The original book by Roald Dahl that inspired the musical and movie adaptations. A must-read for fans of the story.
- [Making Matilda: The Musical](#) by Tim Minchin: An insider's look at the creative process behind bringing Matilda from book to stage as a musical. Provides an in-depth understanding of musical theater production.
- [From Page to Stage: How Theatre is Made](#) by Timothy Knapman: A comprehensive guide for young readers on the journey of transforming a story into a theatrical production. Perfect for those interested in the behind-the-scenes of theater.