

## Core Skills Analysis

### Performing Arts

- Explored character development through the role of Mayor Shinn, understanding motivation and personality traits.
- Gained experience in memorizing and delivering lines and songs, enhancing verbal and musical skills.
- Practiced collaborative teamwork during rehearsals, learning synchronization and stage presence with a troupe.
- Developed confidence performing live before an audience, managing performance anxiety and embracing feedback.

### Tips

To further deepen understanding of theatrical arts, encourage reflections on the emotional journey of the character Mayor Shinn—journaling or discussing how his personality influences the story. Expanding the experience with writing a short monologue or improvisation based on Mayor Shinn's perspective can enhance creativity and empathy. Incorporate exploration of musical theater history to contextualize 'Music Man Jr.' within broader cultural themes and styles. Additionally, organizing a small informal showing for family or friends can cultivate presentation skills and audience interaction.

### Book Recommendations

- [Theatre for Young Audiences: 20 Great Plays for Children](#) by Coleen Clark: A practical resource that helps young performers and educators explore characters, scripts, and performance techniques.
- [Acting Skills for Life: Empowering Young People](#) by Natalie Wilson: This book guides teens in building acting techniques, confidence, and teamwork through stage activities.
- [Broadway Musicals: A Hundred Year History](#) by David H. Lewis: An accessible overview of musical theater history that explains the genre's evolution and significance.

### Learning Standards

- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RL.9-10.3: Analyze how complex characters develop over the course of a text or performance.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.1: Initiate and participate effectively in collaborative discussions, building on others' ideas.
- CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.SL.9-10.4: Present information, findings, and supporting evidence clearly and logically in speech.
- National Core Arts Standards - Theatre: TA:Pr4.1.HSI: Demonstrate understanding of the roles of actors in character development during rehearsals and performances.

### Try This Next

- Create a character diary from Mayor Shinn's point of view, describing his feelings before and after key scenes.
- Develop quiz questions about the plot, characters, and songs of Music Man Jr. to reinforce comprehension.

### Growth Beyond Academics

Participating as Mayor Shinn likely helped the student build resilience by facing performance pressures while also fostering self-expression. Collaborating with peers during rehearsals can boost interpersonal skills and patience, while learning to receive direction encourages adaptability and

maturity.