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Performing Arts Careers: Independent Learning Guide

The role models in the video "Performing Arts Careers" share the reasons they are passionate about their careers in the performing arts.

Watch the video "[Performing Arts Careers](#)" at least once. Then read each statement below. Think carefully about each question before you answer it.

- 1. The first artist in the video said that performing is magical, nerve wracking, and exciting.**

Do you agree with her statement? Explain your answer.

Tell about a time you had to perform and were very nervous. Did you feel better when the performance began?



2. Performing artists communicate feelings and stories to an audience. The audience then shows appreciation to the performers.

What feelings do you think that dancers, musicians, or actors share as they perform?

As an audience member, how do you show your appreciation for a performer's talents and efforts?

3. Musicians and singers are performing artists who use music to help the audience feel feelings.

Why do so many people share the same feelings when they hear a particular song or a special piece of music?

Tell about a song or a piece of music that helps you feel happy and about one that makes you feel sad. What is it about these songs that make you feel that way?

4. A performance artist who plays an instrument in a band or an orchestra works with other musicians. This is sort of like working on a team where everyone must contribute to a larger project.

What are some of the benefits of working with other performing artists on a project that is greater than just a single performer?

If you were a performing artist, do you think you would rather work alone or with others? Why?

5. Performing artists who are actors in a play or a film or television show come together to work with other actors. They use their imaginations to answer questions that begin with, "What if..." The story they perform answers the "What if?" question.

Which of the following "What if?" questions would you want to act out? Underline the ones that sound like fun to you. Then, use the space below to add some ideas of your own.

- What if girls ruled the world?
- What if I owned a horse as big as a house?
- What if I invented a homework machine?
- What if I had all the money in the world?

6. The producer/director says that when artists perform stories (on the stage or on screen) they help people think about what they could become.

What do you think this artist meant when she said that?

Tell about a play, a movie, or a TV show that inspired you to be the best you can be.

7. The ballerina said that we can all connect through the performing arts.

How can an artistic performance connect artists with audience members?

How can an artistic performance connect artists to each other?

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