# BEHIND THE SCENES

### **MASKS AND PUPPETS**

1. What do the masks and puppets used in 'The Lion King' need to be able to do?
2. Which puppets are the most difficult to operate?
3. How many puppets are used in 'The Lion King'?
4. What are the tasks that the puppetry department do?
5. What is Mufasa's mask made out of?



### **ANSWERS**

#### FROM SCREEN TO STAGE

- 1. Putting the African savannah on stage
- 2. Lyceum Theatre, London
- 3. Africa
- **4.** Hand puppet, rod puppet, shadow puppet, two actors (child and adult)
- 5. The 'double event'

#### **BEHIND THE STORY**

- To take his rightful place on the throne and take on the responsibilities of being King
- Being the king comes with a huge amount of responsibility to your family, home and community
- 3. Circle 'The circle of life'
- **4.** Circle of life, believing in who you are, love, joy, death/loss, community, accepting responsibility, growing up
- 5. Community, we all share the planet

#### MEET THE CHARACTERS

- 1. Simba, Nala, Mufasa, Scar, Rafiki, Zazu, Timon and Pumbaa
- 2. Simba
- 3. Nala
- 4. Rafiki
- 5. Zazu

#### AN ACTOR PREPARES

- **1.** 5.30pm
- **2.** Have make up applied, vocal warm up, get into costume
- **3.** Motor, mask, battery pack, leather chaps, cage, leotard
- **4.** 11 years
- 5. The audience boo

#### DISCOVER THE COSTUMES

- **1.** They transform the actors into animals, flowers, plants, scenery
- 2. The costumes are handmade
- 3. Beads
- 4. Scar and Mufasa
- 5. Sparkle

#### MASKS AND PUPPETS

- 1. Withstand 8 shows a week
- 2. Timon
- **3.** 300+
- **4.** Looking after puppets and masks during the show and in rehearsal, repair and refurbish
- 5. Carbon fibre and balsa wood

#### SETTING THE SCENE

- Africa, time of day, temperature, emotion, wilderbeest stampede
- 2. Savannah, jungle, Scar's cave, Pride Rock, Elephant Graveyard, night sky
- 3. Bamboo, silk, wires
- Lighting tells the audience the time and place, colours used for lights represent different feelings (fear, love)
- 5. 100 people work backstage at The Lion King

#### **BEING A LION KID**

- 1. Young Simba
- 2. Eight, four pairs
- 3. Singing, acting and dancing
- 4. The baby elephant

#### MAKING THE MUSIC

- 1. Rhythm of the Pridelands
- 2. Traditional African rhythms and instruments
- 3. Rock
- 4. Rafiki
- 5. Drums

#### DANCE AND MOVEMENT

- 1. They way they move
- 2. Garth Fagan
- Contemporary, African, Ballet, Hip hop, Jazz, Caribbean, Modern
- 4. Lionesses
- 5. Street/relaxed



# CURRICULUM LINKS, PRIMARY

#### **EPISODE SIX - MASKS AND PUPPETS**

#### **KEY STAGE 2 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY**

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY		
Make	select from and use a wider range of materials and components, including construction materials, textiles and ingredients, according to their functional properties and aesthetic qualities.	

#### **KEY STAGE 2 ART**

ART		
	Pupils should be taught about great artists, architects and designers in history.	

# CURRICULUM LINKS, SECONDARY

#### **EPISODE SIX - MASKS AND PUPPETS**

BTEC Entry level / Level 1 Performing Arts		
Unit 1: Introduction to the Performing Arts	<ul> <li>2. Know about performance roles in performance venues</li> <li>3. Know about non-performance roles in performance venues</li> </ul>	
Unit 11: Exploring Design Skills for the performing arts	Know the purpose of design in performing arts productions	
Unit 14: Working in the Performing Arts	<ul> <li>1. Know what skills and training are required for jobs in performing arts</li> <li>2. Know what opportunities there are for progression in performing arts</li> </ul>	
Unit 16: 2 Know job roles in the performing arts industry	• 2. Know job roles in the performing arts industry	

BTEC Level 1/2 First Award in Art and Design		
Unit 4: Communicating Ideas in 3D	Learning aim B: Investigate how artists, craftspeople and designers communicate in 3D	

KEY STAGE 3 – Art and design	
Art and design	evaluate and analyse creative works using the language of art, craft and design

KEY STAGE 3 – Design and technology		
Design	<ul> <li>use research and exploration, such as the study of different cultures, to identify and understand user needs</li> <li>develop specifications to inform the design of innovative, functional, appealing products that respond to needs in a variety of situations</li> </ul>	
Evaluate	<ul> <li>analyse the work of past and present professionals and others to develop and broaden their understanding</li> </ul>	