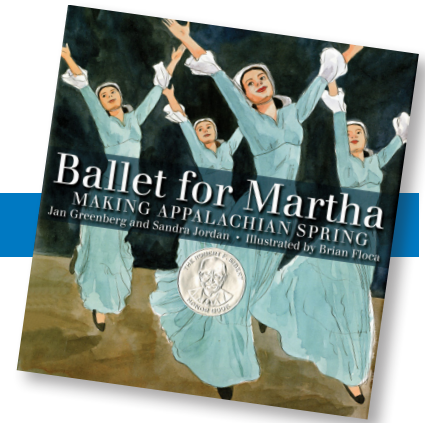


# Ballet for Martha: MAKING APPALACHIAN SPRING



## RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS

### THINK-TAC-TOE ACTIVITY OPTIONS

- ◆ Individual students can choose an activity to complete.
- ◆ Student pairs or cooperative groups can work together on a choice of their own.
- ◆ Educator can assign an activity for an individual, pairs, or groups.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>STICK TO THE SCRIPT</b></p> <p>Martha wrote a <i>script</i> for her ballet. How do you write a script for a dance? How do the characters “talk”? Think of a fairy tale or story. How would you tell that story through dance? With a partner, write a script for your dance. Then, try to “dance out” your script. How do the words and the dancing work together?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art, Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>APPALACHIAN REMIX</b></p> <p>Listen to the original Shaker hymn (<a href="https://youtu.be/q0TkI3HGZHM">youtu.be/q0TkI3HGZHM</a>) and Aaron Copland’s version (<a href="https://youtu.be/xDRWdNn_nLk">youtu.be/xDRWdNn_nLk</a>). How are they similar? Different? Take a simple song, like <i>Twinkle Twinkle Little Star</i>, and transform it into something new as Aaron did. Perform your “remix” for the class!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art, Music, Technology</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SETTING THE STAGE</b></p> <p>Wow! Your favorite band or musician wants <i>you</i> to design the stage set for their next tour! Draw and label the set you would design. How does this set fit the music and the rest of the show? What else do you need to think about while designing? Remember that the set needs to be taken down and moved every night!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Engineering, Art</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TOMORROW, TOMORROW</b></p> <p>“What will happen tomorrow?” Write a story about what happens to the couple over the next year. Base your story on what you know about life in pioneer America. Do you think Martha wanted the couple’s story to have a happy ending?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Social Studies, Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PIONEER PICK-UP</b></p> <p>Imagine you live in pioneer days. One day, you come home to find your parents packing to move. Write at least 3 journal entries about your life during this time. Why are you moving? Where are you going? How will you get to the new place? How do you feel about the move? How will your life change? What is your journey like?</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Social Studies, Writing</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TAKE A HIKE</b></p> <p>Research the Appalachian Trail. How long is it? How long do you think it would take to hike the whole trail? Explain. List 5 unfriendly animals you might find along the way. List 5 plants you might need for survival and explain why. Share your findings in a tourist brochure for the trail. Include pictures!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Math, Science, Social Studies, Art</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MUSICAL MATH</b></p> <p>A musical note tells how long a sound in a song lasts. There are whole notes, half notes, quarter notes, and eighth notes. Look up pictures of musical notes. Write at least 5 fraction math problems using musical notes instead of numbers. Trade problems with a partner and solve!</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Math, Art, Music</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TELLING TALES</b></p> <p>Ballet isn’t the only kind of dance that tells a story. Hula is an important storytelling dance in Hawaii. Research to find out more about hula. What kinds of hula are there? How is it performed? How does it tell a story? Share your findings in a poster or PowerPoint.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Art, Social Studies</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>INSPIRATION STATION</b></p> <p>Listen to some of the music from <i>Appalachian Spring</i> (<a href="https://youtu.be/xDRWdNn_nLk">youtu.be/xDRWdNn_nLk</a>). What do you picture in your mind as you listen? What does the music make you think of? Draw a picture inspired by the music. Write a short paragraph to explain your picture and your inspiration.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Technology, Art, Writing</i></p>