

USE THIS LESSON TO:

*Learn about the influences and inspiration behind **The Lion King** and explore the idea of an ensemble.*

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- Paper or Notebook
- Pencil or pen



PRIDE

EXPLORE ⌚ 10 MINUTES

An ensemble is a group of people who work together to get something done. In the theater, an ensemble includes members of the cast, creative team, backstage crew, musicians, and more!

Although you are not be working as an ensemble in these sessions, consider who the ensemble members are in your life (family, friends, teachers, etc.). Jot down your ideas.

CREATE ⌚ 15 MINUTES

The Lion King draws inspiration from many cultures, especially those of South Africa, which are brought to life by the ensemble through music, choreography, costumes and languages.

Think about what cultural elements make your community unique (language, clothing, food, etc.). Then, find an object that represents your culture. Make a list of things you know about this item and questions you might have about it. Include answers to the following questions:

- Why did you choose this object?
- What is the significance of this object in your culture?
- Where do you keep it in the home?
- What does this object mean to you?

LEVEL UP: Research how this object became culturally significant, or why it holds significance for you, and find a way to creatively share this story with other members of your community.

SHARE ⌚ 5 MINUTES

Share what you've created with the popel in your home.

REFLECT ⌚ 10 MINUTES

Answer the following questions:

- How did you pick the object to share, and why is it important to you?
- What is something in your life that brings you pride (e.g., a trait you possess, a connection with a loved one, etc.)? How does this affect the decisions you make day to day?