

# How To Choose Your Show!

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## 1. Budget

Depending on the resources available to you, your budget may or may not matter. Check the props, costumes and set pieces you already have before you buy anything. You and your team can find ways to recreate or re-use items with little to no money so get creative!

## 2. Cast

Choose a show looking at the pool of talent you have and what's available to you. How many are you expecting? What's the age range? Don't license a 25 person cast if you know you only have a solid 12 that will be in the show.

## 3. Curriculum

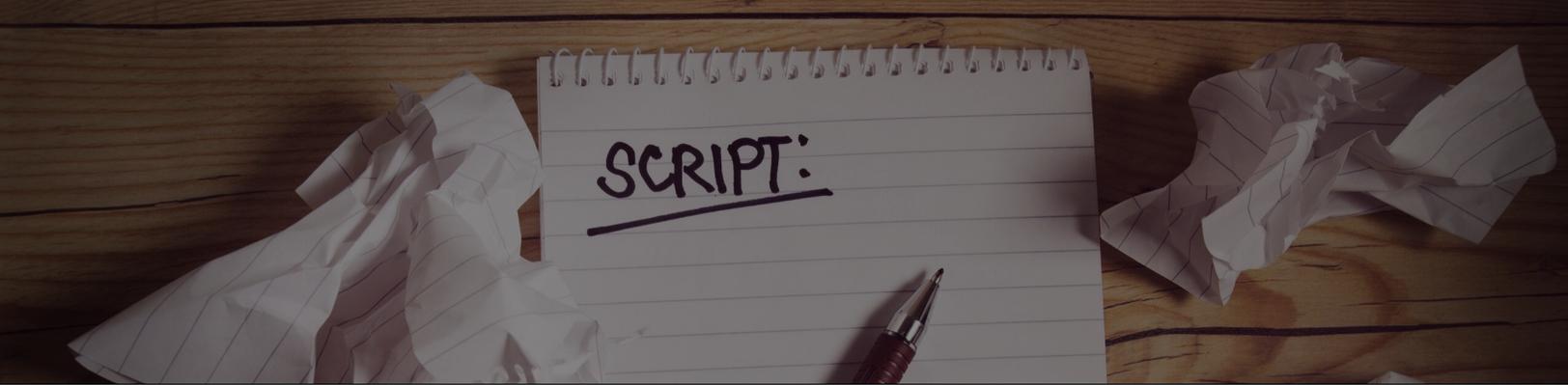
Some schools have to align with what is being taught but most don't so this is optional yet effective. Shows that align with history (Les Mis, The Civil War) could work as well as shows based on novels or authors (Jane Eyre, Little Women). These types of shows keep students engaged in the classroom as well as the stage.

## 4. Student Interest

This can get tricky. Students are more likely to audition for a show they know. However, if it's not in the budget or you don't have the cast, you might have to sell them on a different show. Pick a show that has just as much pizzazz and fun as the ones they have suggested doing.

## 5. Audience

You have to know who is coming to your show. Is it families? Older crowd? Millennial crowd? Is your show opening around the holidays? If you have a more conservative, over 60 crowd, you might want to steer clear of shows like Rent. Take a poll and see what your community wants to see.



SCRIPT:

LIST OF RESOURCES TO LICENSE SHOWS

[www.mtishows.com](http://www.mtishows.com)

[www.rnh.com](http://www.rnh.com)

[www.samuelfrench.com](http://www.samuelfrench.com)

[www.theatricalrights.com](http://www.theatricalrights.com)

[www.tamswitmark.com](http://www.tamswitmark.com)

[www.dramatists.com](http://www.dramatists.com)

[www.playscripts.com](http://www.playscripts.com)

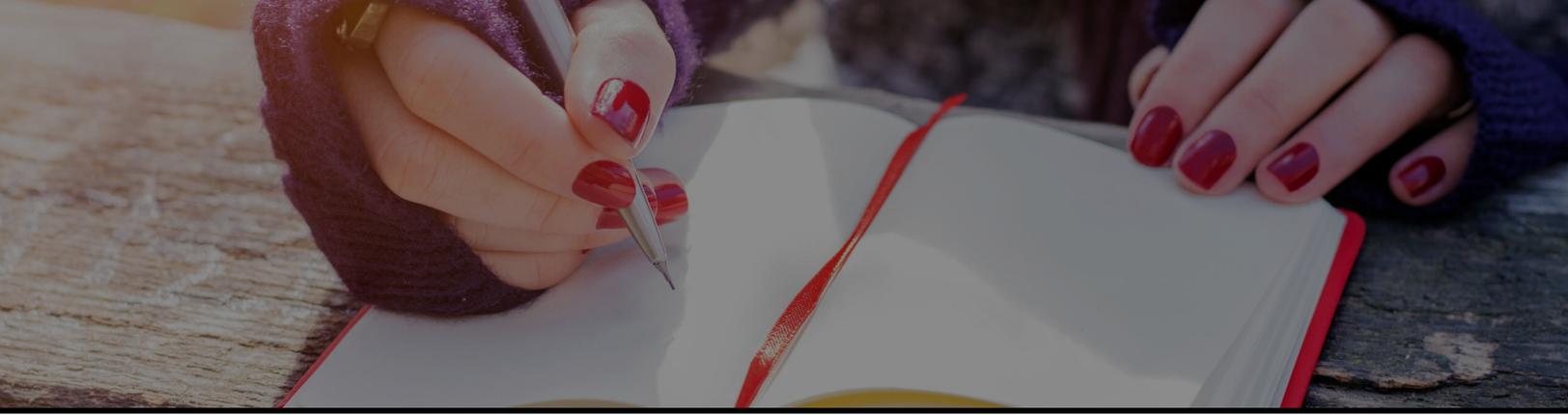
[www.histage.com](http://www.histage.com)

[www.pioneerdrama.com](http://www.pioneerdrama.com)

[www.theatrefolk.com](http://www.theatrefolk.com)

[www.theaterfunscripts.com](http://www.theaterfunscripts.com)

[www.tameddaugh.com](http://www.tameddaugh.com)



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