

Year	• 8 West Side Story		6 Lessons
Stage	Description		
	Choreography	Performance	Appreciation
Emerging	Can create some simple spatial & relationships ideas linked to some themes. Can choose some simple actions & dynamics linked to the themes. Can piece a dance together (Beginning, Middle, End).	Can identify facial expressions required to perform in character. Can perform the dance from beginning to end.	Can name at least one of the themes in WSS. Can name basic actions taking place in WSS. Can name different types of form & structure in dance.
Developing	Can create some spatial & relationship ideas linked to at least two themes. Can choose appropriate actions & dynamics linked to the themes. Can piece my dance together with clear transitions. (Beginning, Middle, End) Can use structure to help communicate the themes of the dance.	Can sometimes demonstrate a character in performance. There is some awareness of other dancers in relation to timing & space.	Can describe some of the themes in WSS. Can describe actions taking place in WSS. Can describe different types of form & structure in dance.
Secure	Can create good spatial & relationship ideas linked to at least three themes. Can choose a variety of appropriate actions & dynamics linked to the themes. Can a structure a dance independently to help communicate the themes of the dance.	Can clearly perform in character. Can relate to other dancers through timing & space. A sense of commitment to performance is beginning to develop.	Can describe all of the themes in WSS & describe how they have been used in the choreography. Can compare actions taking place in WSS. Can compare different types of form & structure in dance.
Excellence	Can create imaginative & complex spatial & relationship ideas linked to at least four themes. Can choose & explore imaginative & complex actions & dynamics linked to the themes. Can structure a dance with clear use of choreographic devices.	Can confidently perform in character consistently. Can relate to other dancers with sensitivity. Gives a confident & committed performance.	Can apply knowledge of themes in WSS & explain their effectiveness within the choreography. Can justify actions taking place in WSS & how they help to show choreographic intention. Can explain how form & structure has been used to communicate choreographic intention.