

## WEST SIDE STORY

[http://perso.wanadoo.fr/annie.gwynn/web\\_based\\_activities#wss](http://perso.wanadoo.fr/annie.gwynn/web_based_activities#wss)

**Do the online exercises and report your answers in this worksheet :**

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### About Puerto Rico

Have a look at these links and say whether the following statements are right or wrong (give details)  
a map : [http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/reference\\_maps/pdf/central\\_america.pdf](http://www.cia.gov/cia/publications/factbook/reference_maps/pdf/central_america.pdf)

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto\\_rico](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puerto_rico)

1. Puerto Rico is an island situated near Ellis Island
2. Its capital is San Juan
3. Puerto Rico is one of the 50 American States
4. Puerto Ricans are American citizens
5. Puerto Rico belongs to the Commonwealth of America
6. Puerto Rico's official language is English
7. Puerto Ricans speak mostly Spanish

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### About the Puerto Rican immigration

**You will find some help to answer the questions here :**  
<http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/immig/cuban4.html>

1. Which American city was the favourite destination for the Puerto Rican immigrants?
2. Which part of New York did they go to?
3. What was the name given to the area where the Puerto Ricans settled?
4. There was a peak in the Puerto Rican immigration in the 60's and in the 70's
5. Puerto Ricans did not suffer much discrimination
6. Because they spoke English well Puerto Ricans got jobs quite easily.

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## About West Side Story

Read the following web page to be able to answer the quiz.

<http://www.answers.com/topic/west-side-story>

What type of work is it?

Who wrote the music?

Who wrote the lyrics?

Where was it performed for the first time?

What year was it performed for the first time?

What famous classic drama is it based on?

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### About the plot

#### The plot

The story is set among American and Puerto Rican street gangs in New York City's Upper West Side. Tony and Maria fall in love, despite the fact that they are associated with rival gangs - Tony with the Jets, and Puerto Rican-born Maria with the Sharks. The Sharks are led by Maria's brother, Bernardo, and the Jets by Tony's best friend, Riff. When the gangs arrange a "rumble", Maria pleads with Tony to prevent the fighting, but when Bernardo unintentionally stabs Riff to death, Tony, in a rage, kills Bernardo. He and Maria plan to run away together. Bernardo's girlfriend, Anita, agrees to help, but when she is taunted by the Jets, she invents a story that Maria has been killed by Chino, the man she was supposed to marry. Tony runs out into the street, where he is shot by Chino; in the aftermath of his death, Maria is able to finally bring all the young people together.

1. Where does the story take place?.....
2. What are the names of the rival gangs? .....

#### 3. Complete the grid with names from the text:

<b>Gangs</b>	<b>American :</b>	<b>Puerto Rican :</b>
	The	The
<b>Leaders</b>		
<b>Members</b>		

#### 4. Complete with the missing names and add an /'s/ if necessary

Maria is .....sister.

Tony is .....best friend.

Bernardo is .....boyfriend.

Maria, was supposed to marry..... but she fell in love with.....

.....is killed by Bernardo who, as a consequence is killed by.....

In spite of that .....still wants to run away with ..... but he is killed by .....