

Study Guide for In Concert featuring Willy Wonka & The Golden Ticket K-5th Grade Edition

Welcome to the World of Willy Wonka!

In Concert featuring Willy Wonka & The Golden Ticket is a magical dance adaptation of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. This exciting performance will take you on a journey through a world of imagination, music, and movement.

Meet the Characters

- **Willy Wonka** – The mysterious and creative owner of the chocolate factory.
- **Charlie** – A kind-hearted boy who wins a golden ticket.
- **Augustus, Veruca, Violet, Mike TV** – Other golden ticket winners, each with a unique personality.
- **Grandpa and Grandma** – Charlie’s loving and supportive grandparents.
- **Oompa Loompas** – Fun and energetic workers in the chocolate factory.
- **Wonka Dancers** – A group that brings Wonka’s world to life.
- **Young Willy Wonka Boys** – Wonka’s helpers who add energy and creativity to the show.
- **Lollipops, Candy Fairies, Gumdrops** – Magical candy characters dancing in colorful scenes.
- **Hip Hop Dancers & Video Gamers** – Part of a scene where Mike TV is obsessed with his video game.
- **Monkeys & Island Dancers** – Appearing in a scene where Wonka gathers cocoa beans.
- **Colorful Imagination Dancers** – Bringing creative energy and fun to the show.

Scenes & Dance Styles

This production uses **many styles of dance** to tell the story, including:

- **Tap** – A percussive dance style that uses metal taps on the shoes to create rhythm and sound. Watch for the fun, energetic tapping during the show!
- **Hip Hop** – A street dance style full of high-energy moves, cool beats, and freestyle expression. This style is used in the video game scene and other exciting moments!
- **Pointe Work** – A classical ballet technique where dancers wear shoes that allow them to dance on the tips of their toes. This adds elegance and grace to the production.
- **Jazz Dance** – A lively, expressive style with big movements, sharp accents, and dynamic energy. It helps tell the story in many fun and dramatic scenes.

Scenes to Watch For!

1. **SCENE 1A & 1B – “Pure Imagination” & “Wonka Welcome Song”** – The introduction to Wonka’s magical world.

2. **SCENE 2A – “I’ve Got a Golden Ticket” & 2B – “Sharp Dressed Man”** – Celebrating the lucky winners!
3. **SCENE 3A – “Pure Imagination” & SCENE 3C – “Oompa Loompa”** – The chocolate factory adventure begins.
4. **SCENE 4A, 4B, & 4C – “Don’t Mess with a Good Thing”** – A dramatic turning point in the story.
5. **SCENE 5A – “Next Big Thing”** – A showcase of excitement and competition.
6. **SCENE 6A & 6B – “Batucada Fantastic”** – A lively scene with high-energy movement.
7. **SCENE 7A – “Pure Imagination”** – The grand finale, bringing everything full circle.

The Magic of Special Effects

In this performance, video backdrops will create exciting visuals that transport us to Wonka’s chocolate factory. Imagine moving chocolate rivers, candy-filled skies, and glowing golden tickets appearing on stage!

Fun Activities & Discussion Questions

Before the Show:

- What do you think a dance version of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* will look like?
- What is your favorite type of candy? How would you dance like that candy?

After the Show:

- Which dance was your favorite and why?
- If you could add a new candy-inspired dance, what would it be?
- How did the dancers use movement to show different personalities of the characters?

Try This!

- **Candy Dance Challenge:** Move like your favorite candy! Is it fast and jumpy like pop rocks? Smooth and flowing like chocolate syrup?
- **Golden Ticket Writing Prompt:** Imagine you won a golden ticket to a magical place. What would it look like?