

HIGHWAY U.S.A.!!



Winchester's 5th Grade Musical - 2019/2020

Opening-

Stage Manager #1: *Hello, everybody! Welcome to our 5th grade concert!*

Stage Manager #6: (interrupting #1 & trying to get the crowd riled up & excited) *Hello NORTHVILLE! How ya doing? Are you ready to rock it out??!!*

Stage Manager #2: *Excuse me, what are you doing?*

Stage Manager #6: *I'm trying to get everyone pumped up for the rock show.*

Stage Manager #4: *A rock show? Cool! Can I help?*

Stage Manager #6: *Sure! Come on, everybody put your hands in the air! (#5 - #8 put their hands up in the air & try to get the audience to do so)*

Stage Manager #5: *Let's hear it for the 5th Graders!! Whoo - Whoo ...*

Stage Manager #3: *Guys, what's going on?*

Stage Manager #4: *Whadda ya mean, what's going on? We're getting the crowd energized for the fifth grade rock show!*

Stage Manager #5: *I've got a good cheer to get them ready: GIVE ME AN "F"... "I" ... "F" ... "T"... "H"... What does it spell? (Managers #1-#3 do not appreciate what's happening while #4 -#6 join in the cheering)*

Stage Manager #1: *Hold on a second. (They keep cheering) I don't think you understand what's going on. (cheering continues) Please???* (They STILL keep cheering)

Stage Managers #1, #2, & #3: (Looking at each other) STOP!!!!

(The CHEERING finally stops)

Stage Manager #2: *That's better. First of all, even though our concert is about ROCK STARS - we don't want people to act like they're at a rock concert.*

Stage Manager #5: *We don't?? Why not?*

Stage Manager #3: *Well, at a rock concert, people get up and start dancing to songs. But if you stand up, you'll block the people behind you and that is not a "Win-Win".*

Stage Manager #1: *Also, at a rock concert, people can hoot and holler all they want because the band has amps so big that they're always louder than the crowd.*

Stage Manager #2: *Finally, people at rock concerts talk on their cell phones. The music is so loud, no one ever hears if they go off! We aren't that loud and cell phones would be a distraction. Please silence your cell phones or at least put them on vibrate..... (look around at the crowd) Especially you, mom! Thank you.*

Stage Manager #4: *Oh. (looks disappointed) But how will the singers know the crowd likes them without all the cheers?*

Stage Manager #3: *If everyone applauds respectfully, I think we'll all catch on that we're appreciated. UNDERSTAND?? (She is looking at the ROWDY Stage Managers)*

Stage Managers #4, #5, & #6: *(sighing) I guess so.*

Stage Manager #1: *Good! All right everyone, it's time to get ready for the show. (All the stage managers leave, but Speakers #1, #2, #3, #4 come up to mics)*

Speaker #1: *Alright everybody, let's try this again. Welcome to our 5th grade concert; "Highway U.S.A."*

Speaker #2: *Today, we will be taking a musical tour of the good ol' USA.*

Speaker #1: *You may ask why we are taking this tour?*

Speaker #2: *That's simple, it's what ROCK STARS do and...*

BOTH Speakers: *...we just wanna be ROCK STARS!*

Speaker #3: *(looking to make sure that Speakers #1 & #2 have gone back to their spots and turning to talk with Speaker #4) So, what do you think about that?*

Speaker #4: *Everything they said made sense, but I'm kinda bummed.*

Speaker #3: *Me too. There should be a way we can be respectful & still have "rock star" fun.*

Speaker #4: *That's right and we have a plan...*

Speaker #3: *On the final song today...*

Speaker #4: *which is "We Are the Champions"...*

Speaker #3: *we're gonna ask you all to turn the flashlights on your cell phones.*

Speaker #4: *If you watch us, we'll show you when to wave your phones in time with the music.*

Speaker #3: *And with that, our concert begins...*

Speaker #4: *...with the song "I Just Wanna be a Rock Star!"*

SONG - "Rockstar"

Scene 1-

Speaker #5: *It's time to start our tour. As you look at your programs, you'll see some very unusual song titles.*

Speaker #6: *(looking at the program) Song titles? They look like blank lines to me.*

Speaker #7: *That's because we are presenting you with a combination concert and TRIVIA night!*

Speaker #6: *A combination concert and TRIVIA night???*

Speaker #7: *Dude, that's what (s)he just said.*

Speaker #5: *Each song we sing represents a place we visit on our tour. We'll give you clues for each place we visit BEFORE we sing the song.*

Speaker #6: *Ohhhh, I think I get it now. After we give the clues, the audience members write down their guesses about where we're going.*

Speaker #7: *How will they know if they've guessed the right answer?*

Speaker #5: *That's simple, they'll listen to the lyrics of the song!*

Speaker #6: *Cool!! It's kinda like a quiz. Ha ha ha - (points to parents) Let's see how YOU like taking quizzes?*

Speaker #5: *Calm down, dude! Of course it's just for fun.*

Speaker #7: *Right. And ... at the end of the concert, see how many you got right.*

Speaker #6: *Will there be prizes?*

Speaker #5: *Actually, there will be prizes for all the participants.*

Speaker #6: *I really hope I win!*

Speaker #7: *Dude, you can't play.*

Speaker #6: *Oh yeah? Why not?*

Speaker #5: *Cause you already know all the songs...*

Speaker #6: *Riiiiigghhht.*

Speaker #7: *And on that note, it's time for your first clue followed by our next song. (Speakers #5, #6, #7 join the choir)*

Speaker #8: *The first stop on our tour is a midwestern city, just like ours!*

Speaker #9: *The state name is in the title of the song.*

Speaker #8: *This state is home to 3 famous kinds of food:*

Speaker #9: *WONDER bread ...*

Speaker #8: *Orville Redenbacher Popcorn....*

Speaker #9: *...and Van Camps Baked Beans!!!*

Speaker #8: *Eh, 2 out of 3 ain't bad?*

Speaker #9: *The city in this song is famous for its steel mills...*

Speaker #8: *... and it is the birthplace of the Jackson 5.*

Speaker #9: *This city was made famous in a musical about a traveling salesman.*

Speaker #8: *And with that clue, it's time to write your guess down.
I'm curious as to HOOSIER GUESS???*

(make it sound like "Who's your?" - Indiana is known as the "Hoosier" State)

Speaker #9: *Good luck with your quiz!*

SONG - "Gary, Indiana"

Scene 2-

Speaker #10: *Hey folks, we're gonna head down South for our next song.*

Speaker #11: *And the next stop on our tour is actually not a city but a barren summit in the Great Smoky mountains.*

Speaker #12: *A barren summit? What's that?*

Speaker #10: *(S)he means a mountain without plants, just dirt - a barren summit.*

Speaker #12: *Ohhhh. That doesn't sound very appealing. Tell me more.*

Speaker #11: *This song is comes from a state that has TEN official state songs...*

Speaker #10: *And our song is one of these!*

Speaker #12: *Cool! Can you give us another hint??*

Speaker #11: *Okay. This song is always played at football games at this state's university...*

Speaker #10: *When their team wins, the quarterback gets to direct the band while they play this song.*

Speaker #11: *And the most famous quarterback from this university is the great Peyton Manning!*

Speaker #12: *You mean the guy from the Nationwide commercials? Awesome!*

Speaker #10: *And here is your final clue: this sad song is a lament from a city dweller..*

Speaker #11: *Who wishes they could live out in the country again.*

Speaker #12: *On a barren summit? Who would VOLUNTEER to go there?*

Speaker #11: *Lots of people, I guess. (whispers to audience) By the way, the word "Volunteer" is a hint. (Tennessee is known as the "Volunteer" State)*

Speaker #12: *(turning to the audience) Well good luck with those clues, folks!*

Speaker #10: *I think that our song will be the best clue of all, so listen carefully*

SONG - "Rocky Top"

Scene 3-

Speaker #13: *Our next clue features a mash-up of 2 songs.*

Speaker #14: *And these 2 songs are about 2 fine states with similar names.*

Speaker #15: *One of these songs is 100 years old!*

Speaker #13: *The other song first became popular in 1968.*

Speaker #14: *The 2 states we'll sing about have nicknames too.*

Speaker #15: *One was called the "Tar Heel State" or the "Old North State".*

Speaker #13: *And that's a pretty significant hint!*

Speaker #14: *The other is now called the "Palmetto State" although it was previously known as the "Rice State", the "Swamp State" and... the "Iodine State".*

Speaker #15: *The IODINE state? That nasty orange medicine???*
What???

Speaker #13: *Hey, I'm just reading my part - I didn't make up that name.*

Speaker #14: *One last clue - one of these states is considered "First in Flight".*

Speaker #15: *Nothing could be finer than to travel to these southern states!*

***SONG - "Going to Carolina in my Mind"
& "Nothing could be Finer
than to be in Carolina"***

Scene 4-

Speaker #16: *Before we head to our next tour stop - we have some great clues for you!*

Speaker #17: *Yee-hah! This state is known for 3 firsts.*

Speaker #18: *Here we go, listen up!*

Speaker #16: *Clue number 1: it was the site of the first rodeo in the world.*

Speaker #17: *Clue number 2: jalapeno jelly first originated in this state.*

Speaker #18: *AND ... Clue number 3: this state is the first to have 2 official state animals!*

Speaker #16: *The first is called the longhorn and you might recognize this hand signal.*

(the hand signal for "Longhorn" is touching your ring & tall finger to thumb, put up pointer & pinky - the hand signal is used at Texas sports games)

Speaker #17: *The second is the armadillo and it's hand signal is*
(attempts to make a hand signal that looks like an armadillo) *Actually, there is no hand signal for that animal.*

Speaker #18: *No kidding... they're kinda funny looking critters.*

Speaker #16: *We have a feeling those weren't the best clues. So, here's 3 more: this state was ruled over by 6 different nations.*

Speaker #17: *This is our second largest state as well.*

Speaker #18: *And... it's economy is the 10th largest in the world!!*

Speaker #16: *But the best part is, y'all get to clap along with us on this song!*

Speakers #17 & #18: *Yeee-hah!!*

SONG - "Deep in the Heart of Texas"

Scene 5-

Speaker #19: *I'm having second thoughts about visiting this next state.*

Speaker #20: *Oh yeah, why is that?*

Speaker #21: *Well, we did our homework and we found out that this state has the most tornadoes per square mile of all 50 states.*

Speaker #20: *Oh dear. Maybe we should just go somewhere else instead.*

Speaker #19: *Now hold on a second. We also discovered some really cool things about this state.*

Speaker #21: *For example, this state has some very UNUSUAL laws.*

Speaker #20: *Come on....how unusual could laws be?*

Speaker #19: *Well, for example - It's against the law to carry a fishbowl - with live fish - on a bus there.*

Speaker #20: *I guess that makes sense, the police might not know if you stole that fish, right?*

Speaker #21: *Really? Well, I heard that it's unlawful to make an ugly face at a dog in this state. What do you think of that?*

Speaker #20: *Hey, dogs have rights too! Those 2 laws make total sense to me.*

Speaker #19: *Well, listen to this law. It is against the law to take a bite out of another person's hamburger there.*

Speaker #20: *You've got to be kidding me! That's just horrible.*

Speaker #21: *No word of a lie.*

Speaker #19: *(Talking to the audience) One last thing, you can earn bonus points on this song!*

Speaker #21: *And all you have to do is guess the name of a musical about this state!*

Speaker #20: *(Turning to speak to Speakers #19 & 21) Hey guys, Are you sure it's not against the law to play trivia games there?*

SONG - "Oklahoma"

Scene 6-

DJ Happy Tappy: *Aloha Dragons! I'm DJ Happy Tappy Too!*

DJ Happy Helner: *And I'm DJ Happy Helner and it's time for the ...*

Both DJ's: *Winchester Trivia Happy Hour!*

DJ Happy Tappy: *During our Trivia Happy Hour, we pick 3 contestants from the choir behind us.*

DJ Happy Helner: *And they will help all of you figure out the title to our next song.*

DJ Tappy: *So let's get started. Contestant Number 1. Our next song involves an activity which takes place on water - what do you think it might be?*

Contestant #1: *That's easy; photography.*

DJ Tappy: *Uh....no. Contestant Number 2 - what is your answer?*

Contestant #2: *I would guess.... farming.*

DJ Tappy: *Are you kidding me?!? Contestant number 3 - you're our final hope.*

Contestant #3: *I'm gonna guess ...fishing!*

DJ Tappy: *You are ... wrong...but at least you make sense. Happy Helner, what's our next clue?*

DJ Helner: *Our next song is perfect for the Winchester school theme this year: our school theme is all things TROPICAL! And here is your clue - what kind of weather is considered tropical?*

Contestant #1: *That's easy; skies!*

DJ Helner: *Nooooo.... that doesn't even make sense. What is your answer, #2?*

Contestant #2: *Uhhh....could you repeat the question, I didn't understand it?*

DJ Helner: *Absolutely not... and once again, Contestant #3, it's up to you.*

Contestant #3: *Tropical weather is considered FUN!*

DJ Helner: *Well, that's close enough, I guess.*

DJ Tappy: *Folks, now it's time for our lightning round. You each get 1 final question. Contestant #1, this song is a blast from the past, made popular in the Sixties. This song was sung by a pair of brothers from the West coast and their friends. Do you know the name of the band?*

Contestant #1: *That's easy; nope.*

DJ Tappy: *Uh...nice try?*

DJ Helner: *Contestant #2, here's your question: this song comes from the state with the most beaches on the Pacific ocean. Can you guess the name of the state?*

Contestant #2: *Is it....Idaho?*

DJ Helner: *Wow... your answer is a little scary. Do they teach geography at your school?*

DJ Tappy: *Time for our final question. Contestant #3, what sport involves the terms "Cowabunga" and "hang 10"?*

Contestant #3: *Let me think, tropical weather- on the water - "cowabunga" and "hang 10 I've got it! It must be WATER POLO.*

DJ Tappy: *Oh, dude - that is soooo wrong.*

DJ Helner: *Well audience, our Winchester Trivia Happy Hour is over and you are our only hope! I'm DJ Happy Helner....*

DJ Tappy: *And I'm DJ Happy Tappy Too and we are wishing you...*

Both DJ's: *Good Luck!! Hang 10, everybody!*

SONG - "Surfin' U.S.A." Beach Boys

Scene 7-

Speaker #22: *For our next tour stop, we had to take a hard right turn, all the way across the country!*

Speaker #23: *That's right! This place AND this song is double the fun!*

Speaker #24: *By the way folks - that's a hint: the title of this song uses the same name twice!*

Speaker #22: *Another reason this song is double the fun: it was made popular by 2 famous entertainers, Liza and Frank.*

Speaker #23: *And the title of this song will remind you of a large fruit, like an apple.*

Speaker #24: *This song is so popular, it's heard at sporting events, parades, even at really big New Year's Eve celebrations.*

Speaker #22: *It's also the theme song of the baseball team we all love to hate... the Yankees.*

Speaker #23: *You'll get to hear this song and see the famous Winchester Dragon Dancers.*

Speaker #24: *So go ahead everybody, Name that TUNE!*

SONG - "New York, New York!"

Scene 8-

Speaker #25: *We won't be feeling blue when we visit this next place but we will be singing the blues.*

Speaker #26: *So true. This song was written back in 1936 by guitarist Robert Johnson.*

Speaker #27: *But then it was made popular again in the 1980's by some BLUES brothers named Jake and Elwood.*

Speaker #28: *Who were played by 2 original cast members of the TV show: Saturday Night Live.*

Speaker #25: *Named John Belushi and Dan Akroyd.*

Speaker #26: *The song is based on a Midwestern city where two of their professional sports teams are named after a parent animal and it's baby.*

Speaker #27: *Huh? What are you talking about?*

Speaker #28: *Well, what do you call a baby BEAR?*

Speaker #27: *A CUB...Oh, I get it!*

Speaker #25: *And one of their sports team is named after a flying bird of prey.*

Speaker #26: *And another is named after a RAGING animal.*

Speaker #28: *Well guys, it's time to head to our next destination.*

Speaker #25: *And if it gets WINDY, we should be there really soon!*

Speaker #26: *I hope you've got your WHITE sox on, cause here we go. SWEET!!*

SONG - "Sweet Home, Chicago"

Scene 9-

Speaker #29: *And now it's time for our final stop & I've gotta tell you...it's my favorite!*

Speaker #30: *Me too! This state is known for having the longest freshwater coastline of any state in the country.*

Speaker #31: *It was the first place to establish a state university.*

Speaker #32: *And the original name of that university was Cathelpistemian.*

Speaker #33: *Yikes! That's a mouthful!*

Speaker #32: *You betcha! It sure is a lot easier just to say, "Go Blue!"*

Speaker #29: *It was the first state to provide for public libraries..*

Speaker #30: *And a public HIGH School education for all its citizens.*

Speaker #31: *And the food in this state is delicious!*

Speaker #32: *Where else could you have something as healthy as cherries or apples...*

Speaker #33: *Or as delicious as a hot fudge cream puff.*

Speaker #29: *The coney dog originated in this state.*

Speaker #30: *And the fudge here is fantastic!!*

Speaker #31: *It's the home of pasties and paczis!*

Speaker #32: *And also the home of Faygos and autos.*

Speaker #33: *Autos aren't food?*

Speaker #29: *I know, but this state is known for them and they sorta rhyme; you know Faygos....Autos....*

Speaker #30: *Hmmm. Another soda that got its start here is the best ginger ale in the world: Vernors!*

Speaker #31: *All in all, I 'd have to say that this state is better made than all the others!*

Speaker #32: *Definitely, give me a high five!* (Speakers all high five each other)

Speaker #33: *By the way, that high five was a hint. Check it out!*

(They hold their right hands up toward the audience as if showing a map of Michigan)

SONG - "Michigan and Again"

Scene 10-

Speaker #34: *WE did it! We finished our tour!*

Speaker #35: *And we hope that you've finished your quizzes.*

Speaker #36: *Time to tally up your answers. (Jeopardy theme song is played)*

Speaker #37: *How did you do? How many of you guessed all nine of our tour stops correctly? Don't be shy, raise your hands. You just earned an A!*

Speaker #38: *Did any of you get 7 or 8 correct? That would be a B+!!*

Speaker #34: *5 correct would be a B, anyone? I guess 3 or 4 would be a C.*

Speaker #35: *Did everyone get at least one answer correct??? I sure hope you all got the Michigan one right.*

Speaker #36: *Well folks, here's what we've decided: anyone who got at least 1 correct answer is a winner!*

Speaker #37: *And every winner gets ... a PRIZE!!*

Speaker #38: *AND your prize is.... you get to take a fifth grader home with you!! BEST PRIZE EVER!!!!*

Speaker #34: *Our last number is actually 2 songs that are traditionally sung together.*

Speaker #35: *And on the FINAL song, it's your turn to be Rock 'n Roll stars.*

Speaker #36: *Just take out those cell phones, turn on the lights...*

Speaker #37: *And watch us for the cue when to wave them back and forth in time with the music.*

Speaker #38: *Thanks so much for letting us rock your evening!*

Speaker #36: *And remember whenever we make music together -*

Speakers #34 - #38: *WE ARE ALL CHAMPIONS!!*

**FINALE - "We Will Rock You" &
"We Are the Champions"**