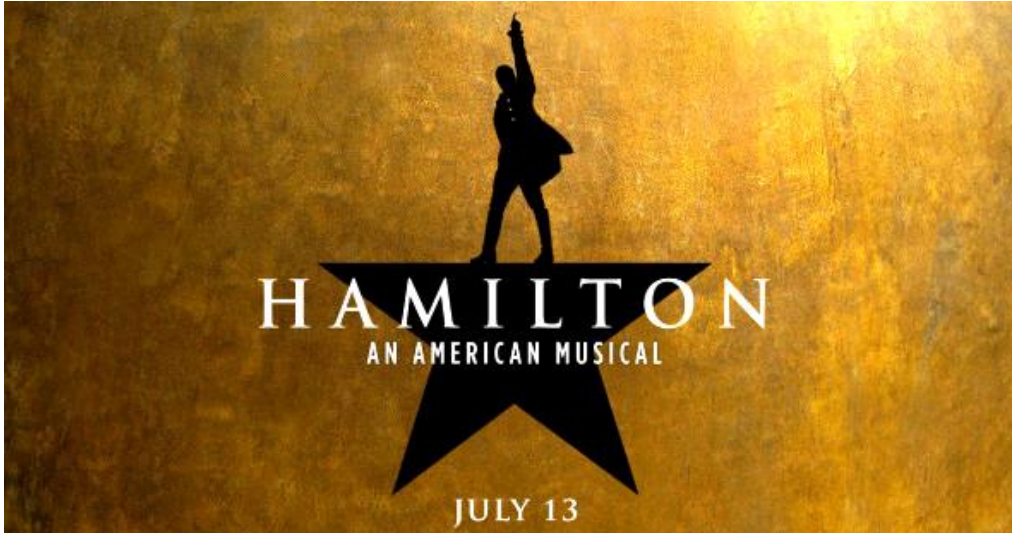


Alexander Hamilton - SONG ACTIVITY

| COMPOUNDS | PRESENT SIMPLE | PAST SIMPLE | PAST CONTINUOUS |



Song: Alexander Hamilton
Writer: Lin-Manuel Miranda
Musical: Hamilton
Producer: Off-Broadway
Year: 2016

Useful material:

- ❖ Oxford Word power Dictionary (OXFORD) [Item code: 1C2 0934]
- ❖ ADVANCED DICTIONARY of American English (Collins) [Item code: IC2 C68]
- ❖ [Cambridge Online Dictionary](https://goo.gl/vjWr4W) : <https://goo.gl/vjWr4W>
- ❖ [Past simple](https://goo.gl/VLQKuG) : <https://goo.gl/VLQKuG>
- ❖ [Past Perfect](https://goo.gl/rwfCvD) : <https://goo.gl/rwfCvD>

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ACTIVIDADES PROPUESTAS

BEFORE LISTENING TO THE SONG

1. Watch the following video from minutes 00:00 to 01:24 and fill in the blanks with a word or short phrase.

Alexander Hamilton: First Secretary of the Treasury - Fast Facts | History

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pKiP8HTGaRU>

Alexander Hamilton was a _____¹ and the first secretary of the treasury. He is one of the _____¹ of federalism (a strongly centralized _____¹). He was born between _____¹ in the British west indies as the result of an _____¹ and had a childhood without privileges.

He enrolled in _____¹, where he decides to get involved in the nation's political _____¹, after arriving to the mainland colonies in 1773, in but enlists in the army during the _____¹ on 1775, later becoming _____¹ under the command of General George Washington. He married Elizabeth Schuyler, _____¹ of a rich and powerful general.

1. Watch the video from minutes 01:24 to 03:42 and answer the following questions:

1) What did Alexander Hamilton do after the revolutionary war?

2) What post did he occupy during the Constitutional Convention?

3) What are the federalist papers?

4) Who named Alexander Hamilton secretary of the treasury?

5) What was the roll of the federal government according to Hamilton?

6) What was Alexander Hamilton's legacy for the American economy?

7) Why did Aaron bur challenged Hamilton to duel?

3. Match the words with their definition.

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|-----------------------------|---|
| A. () Whore | 1. A person who studies a subject in great detail, especially at a university. |
| B. () Squalor | 2. It means that some people are not yet active or important, but are ready or likely to be soon. |
| C. () Scholar | 3. A formal piece of writing that considers and examines a particular subject. |
| D. () Self-starter | 4. A female prostitute. |
| E. () Treatise | 5. State or condition of being miserable and dirty. |
| F. () Cane | 6. A person who is able to work effectively without regularly needing to be told what to do. |
| G. () To wait in the wings | 7. A tropical plant from which tall thick stems sugar can be obtained. |



WHILE LISTENING TO THE SONG

Alexander Hamilton

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4tkM6C3ewo>

1. Fill in the blanks. (minutes 0:00 - 0:34)

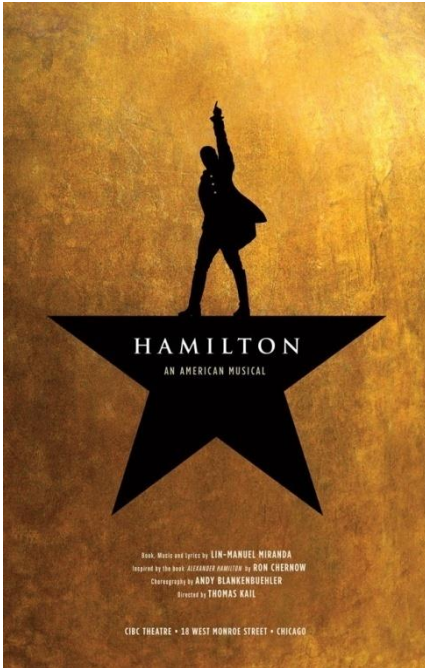
How does a _____¹, orphan, son of a whore And a
Scotsman, _____² in the middle of a forgotten
_____³ in the Caribbean by providence _____⁴
In squalor, grow up to be a hero and a scholar?
The ten-dollar _____⁵ father without a father
Got a lot _____⁶ by working a lot harder
By being a lot _____⁷ By being a self-starter
By fourteen, they placed him in _____⁸ of a trading charter.

2. Underline the correct option. (minutes 0:34 - 1:02)

And every day while **slaves / stress**⁹ were being slaughtered and carted away
Across the **space / waves**¹⁰, he struggled and kept his guard up
Inside, he was **waiting / longing**¹¹ for something to be a part of
The brother was ready to beg, steal, borrow, or barter
Then a hurricane came, **and / a**¹² devastation reigned
Our man saw his future drip, dripping down the **train / drain**¹².
Put a pencil to his temple, connected it to his brain
And he wrote his first **refrain / strength**¹³, a testament to his pain.



3. Organize the phrases from (minutes 1:03 - 1:32)

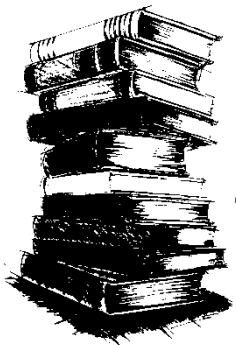


- A. () Took up a collection just to send him to the mainland
- B. () And the world is gonna know your name
- C. () Get your education, don't forget from whence you came
- D. () Well, the word got around, they said, this kid is insane, man
- E. () What's your name, man?
- F. () My name is Alexander Hamilton
- G. () But just you wait, just you wait
- H. () And there's a million things I haven't done
- I. () Alexander Hamilton

4. Fill in the blanks (minutes 1:33 - 2:46)

When he was ten his _____²⁴ split, full of it, debt-ridden
Two years later, see Alex and his mother _____²⁵
Half-dead sittin' in their own sick, the scent _____²⁶
And Alex got _____²⁷ but his mother went quick.

Moved in with a cousin, the _____²⁸ committed suicide
Left him with nothin' but ruined _____²⁹, something new inside voice saying
Alex, you gotta fend for _____³⁰



He started retreatin' and readin' every _____³¹ on the shelf.
There would have _____³² nothin' left to do for someone less astute.
He woulda been dead or _____³³ without a cent of restitution.
Started workin', _____³⁴ for his late mother's landlord
Tradin' sugar cane and _____³⁵ and all the things he can't afford.

Scammin' for every _____³⁶ he can get his hands on
Plannin' for the future see him now as he _____³⁷
on the bow of a _____³⁸ headed for a new land.

In New York you can be a new man.

Just you wait.

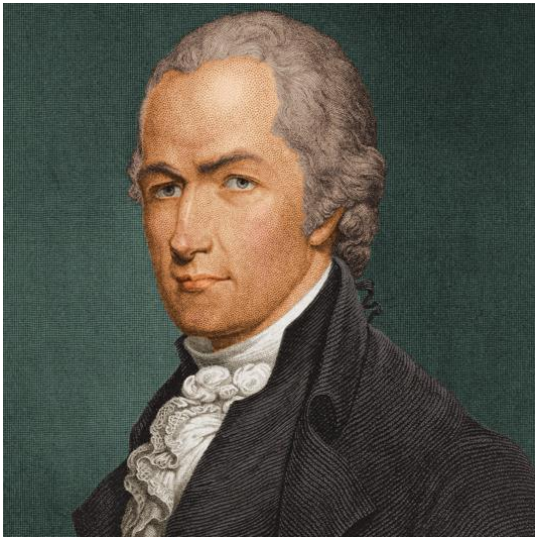
Alexander Hamilton, we are _____³⁹ in the _____⁴⁰ for you

f) underline the correct options (2:47 - 3:00)

You could **never** / **fever**⁴¹ back down

You never **earned** / **learned**⁴² to take your time

g) Organize the phrases from 43 to 51 (3:01 - 3:31)



⁴³ Will they know what you overcame?

⁴⁴ The world will never be the same, oh

⁴⁵ Oh, Alexander Hamilton

⁴⁶ Will they know you rewrote your game?

⁴⁷ When America sings for you

⁴⁸ Another immigrant comin' up from the bottom

⁴⁹ The ship is in the harbor now

⁵⁰ His enemies destroyed his rep America forgot him

⁵¹ See if you can spot him

h) Fill in the blanks (3:32 - 3:57) [End]

We _____⁵² with him.

Me? I _____⁵³ for him.

Me? I _____⁵⁴ him.

Me? I _____⁵⁵ him.

And me, I'm the _____ ⁵⁶ fool that _____ ⁵⁷ him.

There's a million things I haven't done.

But just you wait

What's your name, man?

Alexander Hamilton

AFTER LISTENING TO THE SONG

1. Make a list of the words that you didn't understand and find their definitions (at least 5)

❖ _____

❖ _____

❖ _____

❖ _____

2. Circle all the compounds in the song and write the correct number next to it according to its classification:

water tank ¹

- (1) noun + noun Example: bedroom, water tank
- (2) noun + verb Example: haircut, rainfall
- (3) verb + noun Example: washing machine, swimming pool
- (4) preposition + verb Example: overdo, underestimate
- (5) verb + preposition Example: get in, stay at
- (6) verb + adverb Example: come over, take away