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# Kristin Chenoweth Stands Up for Wicked Against One Million Moms

## Description

*Wicked* is a prequel to *The Wizard of Oz*, originating from a popular Broadway musical that premiered in 2003. The musical, based on Gregory Maguire's novel, has captivated audiences over the years. Recently, a group called One Million Moms criticized the film for supposedly promoting the LGBTQ agenda to families. Despite the backlash, Broadway star Kristin Chenoweth, who starred in the original production, defended the musical against the hate. She emphasized that it's all about entertainment and artistry, urging people to appreciate it for what it is.

The film features Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo in the lead roles, showcasing girl power on stage and screen. The chemistry between them sparked some discussions, with hints of a deeper relationship between their characters. Despite controversies surrounding the movie's marketing and cast, *Wicked* has seen immense success, becoming one of the top-grossing films of 2024 with positive critical reception and award nominations.

*Wicked* is currently showing in theaters and continues to resonate with audiences worldwide.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Prequel** /'pri:.kwəl/ (noun): A work that precedes another work in time or story.
2. **Criticized** /'kri:t.i.səɪzd/ (verb): Expressed disapproval of something.
3. **Controversies** /'kɒn.trə.vɜ: .si:z/ (noun): Disputes or arguments resulting from differing opinions.
4. **Backlash** /'bæk.læʃ/ (noun): A strong negative reaction to something.
5. **Artistry** /'ɑ:tɪstri/ (noun): Creative skill or ability particularly in the arts.
6. **Resonate** /'rez.ə.neɪt/ (verb): To evoke memories feelings or images; to be appealing or relevant.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Who wrote the novel that inspired the Broadway musical *Wicked*?

Option: Gregory Maguire

Option: L. Frank Baum

Option: J.K. Rowling



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Option: Stephen King

2. Which famous actresses are featured in the lead roles of *Wicked*?

Option: Ariana Grande and Meryl Streep

Option: Cynthia Erivo and Beyoncé

Option: Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo

Option: Kristin Chenoweth and Idina Menzel

3. Where did the original production of *Wicked* premiere?

Option: London

Option: Paris

Option: New York City

Option: Tokyo

4. What year did *Wicked* premiere as a Broadway musical?

Option: 2000

Option: 2003

Option: 2006

Option: 2009

5. Which group criticized *Wicked* for promoting the LGBTQ agenda?

Option: One Million Dads

Option: One Million Kids

Option: One Million Moms

Option: One Million Parents

6. What is the main message Kristin Chenoweth emphasized about *Wicked*?

Option: Promoting family values

Option: Entertainment and artistry

Option: Political activism

Option: Historical accuracy

### True-False

7. The film *Wicked* is a sequel to *The Wizard of Oz*.

8. Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo play characters with a potential romantic relationship in *Wicked*.



9. Kristin Chenoweth was part of the original Broadway production of *Wicked*.
10. One Million Moms criticized *Wicked* for its positive portrayal of LGBTQ themes.
11. Despite controversies, *Wicked* became one of the top-grossing films of 2024.
12. *Wicked* has failed to resonate with audiences worldwide.

### Gap-Fill

13. The film *Wicked* has enjoyed immense success, becoming one of the top-grossing films of \_\_\_\_\_.
14. Broadway star \_\_\_\_\_ starred in the original production of *Wicked*.
15. The chemistry between Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo sparked discussions about a potential \_\_\_\_\_ between their characters.
16. Despite controversies surrounding the marketing and cast, *Wicked* has seen immense success, becoming one of the top-grossing films of \_\_\_\_\_.
17. A group called One Million Moms criticized *Wicked* for supposedly promoting the LGBTQ agenda to \_\_\_\_\_.
18. *Wicked* continues to resonate with audiences \_\_\_\_\_.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Gregory Maguire 2. Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo 3. New York City 4. 2003 5. One Million Moms 6. Entertainment and artistry

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. 2024 14. Kristin Chenoweth 15. romantic relationship 17. families 18. worldwide

### Answer

### CATEGORY



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