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# Protesters Accuse Broadway Show 'Suffs' of Whitewashing Women's Suffrage Movement

## Description

A disruption occurred during a performance of the Broadway musical "Suffs" last night when a group of protesters unfurled a banner with the words "Suffs Is A White Wash" and chanted "cancel Suff's" from the box seats. The incident lasted about 15 to 20 seconds before the protesters were escorted out without any trouble. The show addresses racism within the suffragist movement, including the conflict over Black suffragists participating in a major protest march in 1913. The musical has received critical acclaim, winning two Tony Awards and garnering six nominations, including Best Musical. Despite the disruption, the production team stated that the safety of the cast and audience at the Music Box Theatre was never compromised. The musical "Suffs" continues to attract strong box office numbers and has been well-received by audiences. This incident follows a similar disruption during a performance of "An Enemy of the People" in March by the climate activist group Extinction Rebellion. The protesters' banner included a link to a website criticizing the musical for its portrayal of history.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **Disruption** /dɪs'rʌp.ʃən/ (noun): An interruption or disturbance that affects normal activities.
2. **Protesters** /'prəʊ.tes.tərs/ (noun): Individuals who publicly demonstrate their objections to something.
3. **Portrayal** /pɔ:r'treɪ.əl/ (noun): The act of representing or depicting someone or something.
4. **Acclaim** /ə'kleɪm/ (noun): Public approval and praise.
5. **Safety** /'seɪf.ti/ (noun): The condition of being protected from or unlikely to cause danger risk or injury.
6. **Criticism** /'krɪt.i.si.zəm/ (noun): The expression of disapproval based on perceived faults or mistakes.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What did the protesters unfurl during the Broadway musical "Suffs"?

Option: A banner with the words "Suffs Is A White Wash"  
Option: Confetti  
Option: A protest sign

Option: A flag

2. How long did the disruption last during the "Suffs" performance?

Option: 15 to 20 seconds

Option: 5 minutes

Option: 1 hour

Option: 2 hours

3. What conflict within the suffragist movement does "Suffs" address?

Option: Racism

Option: Sexism

Option: Classism

Option: Ageism

4. How many Tony Awards has the musical "Suffs" won?

Option: Two

Option: Five

Option: Ten

Option: None

5. What type of group disrupted the performance of "An Enemy of the People" in March?

Option: Climate activist group

Option: Political party

Option: Sports team

Option: Charity organization

6. What link was included on the protesters' banner during the disruption?

Option: A website criticizing the musical for its portrayal of history

Option: A link to buy tickets for the next show

Option: A social media page for the protest group

Option: A fundraising page

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. A banner with the words "Suffs Is A White Wash" 2. 15 to 20 seconds 3. Racism 4. Two 5. Climate activist group 6. A website criticizing the musical for its portrayal of history

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What is the result of an action or a situation?

- Option: A) Severity
- Option: B) Nonchalant
- Option: C) Protesters
- Option: D) Complications

2. What is the act of detaining someone by legal authority?

- Option: A) Safety
- Option: B) Exposure
- Option: C) Arrest
- Option: D) Legacy

3. What is a difficult or unpleasant situation?

- Option: A) Resilience
- Option: B) Adversity
- Option: C) Illuminate
- Option: D) Revenue

4. What is to enlighten with knowledge?

- Option: A) Induced
- Option: B) Quarantine
- Option: C) Revenue
- Option: D) Illuminate

5. What is something passed on from those who lived in the past?

- Option: A) Legacy
- Option: B) Courage
- Option: C) Protesters
- Option: D) Safety

6. What are unforeseen problems that arise?

- Option: A) Legacy
- Option: B) Complications
- Option: C) Acclaim
- Option: D) Nonchalant

7. What is the state of being secure from harm or danger?

- Option: A) Adversity
- Option: B) Safety
- Option: C) Symbolizing

Option: D) Unprecedented

8. What is the ability to do something that frightens one?

Option: A) Courage

Option: B) Sobriety

Option: C) Protesters

Option: D) Revenue

9. What is the income generated by a business?

Option: A) Criticism

Option: B) Adversity

Option: C) Revenue

Option: D) Complications

10. What describes a feeling of reluctance or uncertainty?

Option: A) Nearsides

Option: B) Illuminate

Option: C) Hesitant

Option: D) Safety

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The strike caused a major \_\_\_\_\_ in the production schedule.

12. The speaker's words had a \_\_\_\_\_ impact on the audience.

13. In the face of adversity her \_\_\_\_\_ shone through.

14. The medication \_\_\_\_\_ drowsiness as a side effect.

15. His \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie was praised for its authenticity.

16. The dove is often used as a bird \_\_\_\_\_ peace.

17. The artist gained more popularity after their work received international \_\_\_\_\_.

18. Individuals with contagious diseases may be placed in \_\_\_\_\_.

19. The species \_\_\_\_\_ to survive in the harsh environment.

20. The artist received critical \_\_\_\_\_ for their latest album.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The majestic stag proudly displayed its large .
22. She preferred to park her car on the of buildings for easier access.
23. The scale of destruction caused by the hurricane was in recent history.
24. His attitude towards the situation surprised everyone.
25. The author faced harsh for the controversial themes in his book.
26. The surgery was successful but there were unexpected during the recovery.
27. The crowd of gathered outside the government building to demand change.
28. The actor's portrayal of a character struggling with was praised by critics.
29. The new regulations had a significant on businesses in the area.
30. The company reported a decrease in due to the economic downturn.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. A) Severity 2. C) Arrest 3. B) Adversity 4. D) Illuminate 5. A) Legacy 6. B) Complications 7. B) Safety 8. A) Courage 9. C) Revenue 10. C) Hesitant

**Gap-Fill:** 11. Disruption 12. Profound 13. Resilience 14. Induced 15. Portrayal 16. Symbolizing 17. Exposure 18. Quarantine 19. Adapted 20. Acclaim

**Matching sentence:** 1. Antlers 2. Nearsides 3. Unprecedented 4. Nonchalant 5. Criticism 6. Complications 7. Protesters 8. Sobriety 9. Impact 10. Revenue

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