

# Seven Sisters Present the Halloween Ballet

## Lesson Plan Ideas

Learning objectives:

History of Ballet and Dance

Country Music and Instruments

Immigration

Ellis Island Greek immigrant family

Homestead Act of 1862

Ballet- A brief history of ballet

<https://pbt.org/community/resources-audience-members/ballet-101/brief-history-ballet/>

The older sisters trained in ballet when they lived in Greece before they immigrated.

Greek Dance

<https://theculturetrip.com/europe/greece/articles/7-traditional-greek-dances-you-should-know-about>

Perhaps the girls are incorporating some of these steps with the ballet their older sisters learned. The older sisters would have taught the younger sisters what they learned.

The music they are dancing too is Appalachian which is not traditional ballet music. Many Greek families immigrated to the Appalachian area and the music has many roots in the folk/traditional music of Greece.

<https://appalachianmemories.org/2024/09/20/the-melungeons-unveiling-the-mystery-of-appalachias-mixed-ancestry/>

[https://open.spotify.com/album/5F3bScHnXSpEFxoiDzLDJw?si=fwuMUttVTLaVhj0JiwQ\\_cQ](https://open.spotify.com/album/5F3bScHnXSpEFxoiDzLDJw?si=fwuMUttVTLaVhj0JiwQ_cQ)

50 Best Bluegrass Songs Ever (Songs might discuss death, war (Civil War) and relationships)

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/3501lZdBG9btzpbZuckNai?si=gSJ8a6EOT42hFU1cJGKrVw>

Seven Sisters Halloween Ballet Playlist

Fictional family immigrated through Ellis Island

<https://www.statueofliberty.org/ellis-island/>

<https://www.historytools.org/stories/ellis-island-immigration-gateway-to-america>

Show how you can see records with signatures and discuss how often names were changed when accents or people who never learned to write or spell had the agent write it for them

US Citizenship

Immigrants coming through Ellis Island were not automatically granted citizenship. They were required to meet certain eligibility requirements and go through a naturalization process before they could become citizens of the United States.

