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Onegin:

Activities to try at home
or at school





Write a review

There are lots of people who write reviews for a living. They spend their time going to ballets, operas, plays, galleries and other cultural events, then writing reviews for newspapers – you might have read some yourself.

Now it's your turn. Have a go at writing a review. It can be short or long, or somewhere in the middle. Include your thoughts on the dancing (who did you think stood out?), the costumes (which would you like to wear? Which was most effective from your seat in the audience?), the set (did you like it? Would you have done it differently?) or any other aspect of the performance. Reviews should grab the reader's attention straight away so make sure your first few lines really make the reader sit up and take notice!

Draw your favourite moment or costume

We hope that watching *Onegin* today will leave you with beautiful images to remember when you have left the Royal Opera House. Why not try drawing or sketching your favourite moment or costume?

Design your own ballet costume

Perhaps you've been inspired to design your

own costume? Remember that ballet costumes need to be strong, and that the dancer must be able to move freely in it, but they also must be stunning to look at from every seat in the Royal Opera House!

Write a diary entry for one of the characters

Imagine that you are one of the characters in *Onegin* and write a diary extract. You can use a synopsis of the ballet and research your character on the internet too. You could then try acting this out in class. Get into small groups and choose one person to play that character. Try asking them questions related to the events in the ballet – how do they feel? What did they do in the original story?

Create a marketing poster for this production

Using a computer, paper and pens or any other medium you can think of, create a marketing poster for this production. What information do you think is necessary to include? What type of image would you use? Remember the image has to catch the attention of someone walking past. Have a look at the Royal Opera House's website to get more ideas, and have a look at other arts venues websites.