TEACHERS:

This Study Guide is intended for teachers whose students will be attending Serenbe Playhouse’s matinee performances of *The Jungle Book*. Through this guide, we hope to provide teachers with discussion topics and activities for both before and after the show. Some are more appropriate for given grades than others. We believe that reflecting upon the theatrical experience and the ideas and themes within a play can provide important arts education activities for children.

The following activities are meant to reinforce themes from *The Jungle Book*; however, it is not mandatory that any of the study guide activities be done in a certain order to understand and enjoy the performance.
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Think Beyond.
Theatre Vocabulary

Actor: A person, male or female, who performs a role in a play

Adaptation: When a story is changed from one form into another; for example, a book can be turned into a play or a movie

Box Office: The place in a theater where tickets are sold

Character: The personality or part an actor creates

Costume: The clothes an actor wears

Designers: The members of the creative-team tasked with creating the look, sound and feel of the production

Dialogue: The conversations between characters on stage.

Director: The person who oversees the entire process of staging a production

Monologue: A long speech by a single actor

Prop: A small object, such as a book, used by an actor in a production

Set: The scenery, furniture, etc. that are used on stage in a production

Site: Where the show takes place

Sound Effect: An imitative sound, such as thunder or dog bark, created artificially for the purpose of theatre

Stage Manager: A person who is the overall supervisor of the stage and actors

*feel free to use a pencil or highlighter in this study guide and mark any theatre vocabulary words as they appear!
Rudyard Kipling. The original writer of the *Jungle Book*

Rudyard Kipling, in full Joseph Rudyard Kipling, born December 30, 1865, Bombay (now Mumbai), India—died January 18, 1936, London, England), English short-story writer, poet, and novelist chiefly remembered for his celebration of British imperialism, his tales and poems of British soldiers in India, and his tales for children. He received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907. Besides numerous short-story collections and poetry collections such as *The Seven Seas* (1896), Kipling published his best-known novels in the 1890s and immediately thereafter. His novel *The Light That Failed* (1890) is the story of a painter going blind and spurned by the woman he loves. *Captains Courageous* (1897), in spite of its sense of adventure, is burdened by excessive descriptive writing, *Kim* (1901), about an Irish orphan in India, is a classic. *The Jungle Book* (1894) and *The Second Jungle Book* (1895) are stylistically superb collections of stories. These books give further proof that Kipling excelled at telling a story but was inconsistent in producing balanced, cohesive novels.

Tim Kelly. The writer of Serenbe playhouse’s performed adaption of *The Jungle Book.*

Kelly was born in Saugus, Massachusetts on October 2, 1932. He graduated from Emerson College with a bachelor’s degree and received a masters degree in play-writing from Yale University. His first stage play was *Widow’s Walk,* published in the 1960s. At the same time, three of his plays opened: *A Darker Flower* at New York’s Pocket Theatre, *The Trunk and All That Jazz* at Boston’s Image Theatre, and *Die Blum* in Germany. He wrote over three hundred plays, which have been performed by the Royal Court Rep, the Studio Theatre, Manhattan Theatre Club, Los Angeles Actor’s Theatre, the Aspen Playwright’s Festival, and the Seattle Repertory Company. Additionally, Kelly was a drama critic and journalist in Phoenix, Arizona (1957–1967) and was particularly noted for the broad scope of his work, which covered everything from mysteries to musicals to serious drama. He was also a screen and television writer (1968–1978). In 1995, he became a member of the College of Fellows of the American Theatre. On December 7, 1998, Tim Kelly died suddenly of a brain hemorrhage (age 61) in his Hollywood home. A Tim Kelly Collection has been established at the University of Wyoming’s American Heritage Center. Emerson College has twice honored him for his “contributions to the field of playwriting.”
CORY PHELPS (Director) is an actor, director, teacher, and arts administrator. Cory has worked on shows across Atlanta, New York City, and the Southeast. You may have seen him on stage at Aurora Theatre, Alliance Theatre, The Warehouse Theatre, the Atlanta Shakespeare Company, The Lost Colony, and others. Cory has directed and assistant directed at Georgia Ensemble Theatre, Serenbe Playhouse, the New York Musical Theatre Festival, and BroadwayCon as well as several of Atlanta’s top high school theatres. Cory was the Education Associate at Georgia Ensemble Theatre before stepping into his current position with Serenbe Playhouse. Before that, he was an apprentice at Aurora Theatre and now manages the apprentice company and education department at Serenbe Playhouse. He is thrilled to bring the arts to South Fulton County and hopes you’ll check out all of the amazing programming Education at Serenbe Playhouse has to offer. Training: Western Carolina University, BFA Acting. He would like to thank his family for all of their support and his dog, Cheeto. His also a proud uncle of SEVEN nieces and nephews!

AMY DUFFY (Original Music/Choreography) is an Atlanta based performer, choreographer, musician, and teaching artist. Recent Theatre: Max Makes a Million (Alliance Theatre); Men with Money, Beat Bugs, Christmas Canteen 2018 (Aurora Theatre); The Fireflies(Performing the Jewish Archive/Czech Tour); Dearly Departed(Howmet Playhouse); Recent Music Directing: The Other Project, Doubt, Fostered Love (Theatre-on-the-Side). Recent Choreography: Seussical (Midway Theater); Godspell (Theatre-on-the-Side). Trap Door Improv. Aurora Theatre Apprentice. CMU BFA. @amyelizabethduffy
**Story Synopsis**

Mowgli is a young boy who, after being separated from his family as a baby, was raised by wolves in the jungle. His closest friends and adopted family members include: the Great Wolf who wisely rules the jungle, the mischievous and lovable bear named Baloo, the compassionate but fierce panther named Bagheera, and the young, feisty python snake named Kaa. They all live together with the Wolf Pack in the jungle, drink water from the nearby Water Hole, and have regular meetings on a sacred boulder they have named “Council Rock.”

One day, the vicious, man-eating tiger, Shere Khan, appears at Council Rock during the “Season of the Water Hole,” a time that happens only once a year, when every creature in the jungle is welcome to drink from the Water Hole and enter the Wolf Pack’s land. To the horror of Mowgli and his friends, Shere Khan speaks to the wolves about her desires to overthrow the Great Wolf and rule the jungle herself, and to hunt down Mowgli, “the man-cub.”

In a race against time and Shere Khan’s clever tactics, Mowgli and his jungle friends must figure out how to keep both Mowgli and the jungle safe. Through a hilarious (but nearly deadly) run-in with the silly Monkey Ruler and his Monkey sidekick, as well as a fortuitous meeting with another “man-cub” in the nearby “man village,” Mowgli must learn the importance of love, facing one’s fears, and standing up for what’s right in order to defeat the mighty Shere Khan.

Left to Right: Bagheera/ Kaa (Megan McCarthy Odell), Great Wolf (Micah Patterson), Mowgli (Brandon L. Smith), Baloo (Barry Westmoreland) | Serenbe Playhouse 2019 The Jungle Book | Photography by Jake Pearce
Setting

“This is a jungle... A jungle is like a forest but has different types of plants and animals, because it’s always so hot.”

_The Jungle Book_ takes place in- you guessed it- a JUNGLE!

Did you know...

- Over half of the world’s species live in a jungle environment?
- Jungles are usually in warm places with high rainfall?
- Jungles and rainforests are similar, but while rainforests have thick canopies of tall trees that block out light, jungles allow _more_ light in, making it easier for plants to grow?

“...This jungle is in India, a faraway country.”

In addition to a jungle, _The Jungle Book_ takes place in India, a country located in southeastern Asia.

Did you know...

- Because of India’s location, it experiences periods of heavy rain called Monsoon?
- Once British colonization ended in 1947, India was split into the Republic of India and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Later, an area between India and Pakistan became the People’s Republic of Bangladesh?
- The national symbol of India is the endangered Bengal Tiger?

The Flag of India
Characters

MOWGLI
A young boy separated from his human family as a baby, and has since been adopted and raised by a pack of wolves in the jungle

GREAT WOLF
A very old, but very wise wolf who leads the wolf pack, as well as the entire jungle - he helps enact the “Law of the Jungle”

BALOO
A playful and loveable sloth-bear who has helped teach Mowgli his life lessons as Mowgli has grown up in the jungle and gets into trouble often

BAGHEERA
A compassionate yet strict black panther who has helped raise Mowgli since he was a baby - she is strongly protective of the wolf pack and her adopted family in the jungle.

KAAM
A young, talkative python snake that stays lovingly wrapped around Bagheera and comments on the “goings on” in the jungle from a safe distance

SHERE KHAN
A vicious, clever tiger that has been alone and separated from the kingdom of animals in the jungle for a long time - she seeks revenge on both the Great Wolf and Mowgli.
WHOOOOO! You are now officially a part of our jungle! The next step is to become your jungle animal! Below, create your animal by answering the question. Be as creative as possible. After you finish writing about your animal, Draw a picture of what you look like in your new animal form! Use your jungle imagination and explore!

1. What is your character’s name?

2. Choose five adjectives to describe your character:
   1. __
   2. __
   3. __
   4. __
   5. __

3. Name some activities your character enjoys doing:

4. What kind of clothing does your character wear? Describe the colors and patterns. Are his/her clothes clean or dirty? Messy or neat? Bright or dark?

5. How does your costume reflect the adjectives you used to describe your character?
Draw your animal costume!
10 FUN Facts about JUNGLE Book!

1. Rudyard Kipling had spent 12 years of his life in India and used the stories he heard there as the inspiration for The Jungle Book.

2. There is another Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling, The Second Jungle Book, which followed in 1895. The book includes five further stories about Mowgli.

3. The jungle that the Jungle Book is set in is in the central provinces of India called Senoi.

4. ‘Baloo’ is Hindi for “Bear”

5. “Shere” means “Tiger” in some Indian dialects. And “Khan” is a title, implying Chief of the Tigers.

6. There is no King Louie in the original book. Orangutans are not native to India.

7. Disney’s cartoon version of The Jungle Book didn’t follow Rudyard Kipling’s actual story. It was “inspired by” rather than “based on” the book.

8. Rudyard Kipling was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1907.

9. The founder of the Boy Scouts personally asked Kipling’s permission to use names and images from The Jungle Book.

Jungle Word Search

BAGHEERA
BALOO
BANANA
BEES
COUNCILROCK
COURAGE
FIRESTICK
FRIENDSHIP
GREATWOLF

KAA
MANCUB
MONKEYRULER
MOWGLI
SHEREKAHN
STAFF
TOOTH
VILLAGE
WATERINGHOLE
JUNGLE IN A BOTTLE

We must remember Man Cubs we have to keep our jungles clean! We must protect our jungles! Below you will find instructions for how to make your own rainforest terrarium.

Materials

- 2-liter soda bottle (washed and dry)
- Pebbles
- Activated Carbon (from the pet store)
- Pistachio shells (or Spanish moss)
- Potting soil
- Fresh moss
- 2 small tropical plants (like a fern and a palm)
- 1 small toy animal

Directions

1. **Have an adult help with this part:** Four inches from the bottom of your 2-liter bottle, cut the bottle into two parts with a craft knife or a pair of scissors. The bottom part will be the planter and the top part will be the cover of the terrarium.

2. **Layer your DIY terrarium:**
   - Add an inch of pebbles to the bottom of the planter.
   - Add a single layer of activated carbon. This will filter the water.
   - Add a barrier layer of Spanish moss or pistachio shells.
   - Add potting soil - enough so that it comes to about a ½ inch below the top part of your planter.

3. **Plant your rainforest:**
   - Plant the tiniest tropical plants you can find. Mini palms and ferns are perfect.
   - Add fresh moss to the top of the soil.
   - Find a toy animal that would enjoy living in your rainforest.

4. **Add the final touches:**
   - Lightly water your terrarium.
   - Cut a short slit down the back of the planter, about a ½ inch.
   - Push the planter together where you cut the slit and place the cover on top.
   - Put your terrarium in a spot where it’ll get plenty of INDIRECT sunlight.

**Note:** There’s no need to water your rainforest in the future. Moisture will form on the inside of your terrarium and on the plants. That moisture will drip down and water the soil.
Man Cubs, the young wolves need your help! Help the young wolves add down and across. Then add the totals you calculated. The sum across should equal the sum down.
Alright Jungle Friends, the Jungle Law says it’s matching time!

Match up your jungle friends with some of their favorite jungle snacks! Some of your answers might be used more than once!

A. Carnivorous based on where they live, otherwise its diet can be herbivorous

B. CARNIVORE diet.... Possibly Mowgli
C. Lizards, caiman, monkeys and antelope

D. Insects, honeycombs, carrion (the decaying flesh of dead animals)

E. CARNIVORE DIET
Tansen Samorah

In Madhya Pradesh, India (the birth-place of our story) there is a 4 day music festival every year in December. The music from this festival was used to inspire many of the tracks in our production. The festival came to be to pay tribute to the Great Indian Maestro Mian Tansen. Tansen was a prominent Indian classical music composer, musician and vocalist, known for a large number of compositions.

Activity:

Go to this link on a computer with a speaker:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BYPszO6aOk

1. Gather students to a large area in the room where they can move around
2. Have them start lying on the ground
3. Tell them to pick an animal they would see in the jungle to embody when the music begins.
4. Start the music at minute 6 and tell the kids to get up when they are ready. They should embody how their animal would move to the music.
5. After 1-2 minutes tell them to think of a different animal and to embody how that animal would move to the music.
6. After 1-2 minutes tell them to stand up straight and step out of the animal. Have them embody how they would move to the music.
7. Fade out the music.
Jungle Scramble

When trying to figure out the words remember Mowgli’s story. Where did he go and what did he use to get there? What friends came along with him? What kind of animals did you see with Mowgli? Have fun unscrambling this jungle adventure!

1) igtre _________
2) ncumab _________
3) nkase _________
4) owmlig _________
5) hrebaega _________
6) trgea ofwl _________
7) ierf tsikc_________
8) htoto _________
9) oulinc orkc _________
10) okmeyn luerr _________
Friendship
We all have a best friends! Friends have sleepovers, ride bikes beside one another, play sports against each other, and have fun no matter what they do together! But what does it mean to be a TRUE friend?

Mogli’s best friends in the whole world are Baloo the Bear, Kaa the Python, Bagheera the Panther, and The Great Wolf. In the story, Mowgli is faced with the challenge of facing Shere Khan. Mowgli’s friends show that they will protect him at all costs from the man-eating tiger. Every time Shere Khan springs towards Mowgli in an attack, every member of the gang urgently jumps to Mowgli’s defense. At the end of the story, the tables turn and Mowgli, without hesitation, springs into action to help his friends.

True friends will help one another at a moment’s notice without any expectation of repayment. We help our friends in times of need because we love and are about them. Follow Mowgli’s example and be a true friend to someone you care about.

Fearlessness/ Bravery
Mowgli is a boy with a great sense of adventure, but what goes along with his adventurous spirit is his undying fearlessness. Mowgli sees the damage that Shere Khan will do if she defeats The Great Wolf. Without fear he journeys to the man village to retrieve the red flower, which he knows Shere Khan fears. He faces Shere Khan with the red flower and comes out on top and saves the jungle!

What we can learn from Mowgli’s bravery is that there is no challenge too big or too scary for us to overcome. When we face our fears, we learn new lessons, we grow, and we help the environment around us. BE JUNGLE BRAVE!

Self Awareness
A lot of the time, we do things, not knowing how it might hurt others. Imagine you and your friend are playing at recess and you tell a joke that hurts their feelings but you don’t know that it might have hurt them. What could you do to realize that it might have hurt them?

Throughout the story, Shere Khan is trying to take over the Jungle and defeat Mowgli for her own personal gain. By the end of the show, Shere Khan learns that her actions have been hurting the jungle and the animals who live in it. She takes a step back and decides that she needs to change for the better.

We might not realize how much of an impact our actions have on others, so take some time to think about how you can become self aware. It will make others happier!