

Inspired By Story Sets

Inspired by Greek Mythology

1. Hercules - The Gospel Truth
 - a. From the Disney 1997 classic, Hercules
 - b. The Gospel Truth is the introductory song for the movie
 - c. Tells the basic rundown of greek mythology before Hercules
2. Steely Dan - Home at Last
 - a. From the album Aja
 - b. Retells the story of Ulysses' encounter with the Sirens from the "Odyssey".
 - c. The lyrics, "Though the danger on the rocks is surely past
Still I remain tied to the mast" refers to the incident where Ulysses tied himself to the mass of the boat so he wouldn't jump off during the siren's song
3. Cream - Tales of Brave Ulysses
 - a. Inspired By trips Eric Clapton took to the Greek islands
 - b. Retells Homer's "The Odyssey".

Songs based off of American Literature

4. Rush - Tom Sawyer
 - a. The lyrics are loosely based on Mark Twain's first novel, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," which was released in 1876
5. Mumford and Sons - Dustbowl Dance
 - a. Inspired by the Grapes of Wrath
 - b. In an interview, he recalls when writing the song he said that, "One conversation that I remember is when Ben (Lovett keyboards) and I were sitting with a piano and guitar and we were working at the skeletal verse and chorus for 'Dust Bowl Dance.' We were sitting and I remember he came with these chords and I said 'Alright, let's try to write something around that. Those are great chords.' And I'd just finished *Grapes of Wrath* and was feeling pretty 'wrathful' (laughs). And I remember we talked about what the chorus should be about."

Songs based off of Fairy Tales

6. Jefferson Airplane - White Rabbit
 - a. Based off of Alice in Wonderland
7. Tangled - When Will my Life Begin
 - a. Loosely based off of the German Fairy Tale, Rapunzel
 - b. Tangled was the 50th Disney animated film released and started the new wave of good computer animated Disney films
8. Frozen - Let it Go
 - a. Based off the Christian Anderson Fairytale, The Snow Queen

- b. Disney wanted to make a movie off of this fairytale since 1943 but they could never get the story nor the snow queen character right. The same problem happened in the 90's and 2008 where they struggled with the same issue

Songs from Books that were turned into musicals

9. Fiddler on the Roof - Matchmaker

- a. From the 2004 New Broadway Cast Recording. Featuring Michelle Kelly, Tricia Paoluccio, and Sally Murphy.
- b. [book](#) by [Joseph Stein](#), set in the [Pale of Settlement](#) of [Imperial Russia](#) in 1905. It is based on *Tevye and his Daughters* (or *Tevye the Dairyman*) and other tales by [Sholem Aleichem](#).
- c. Inspired the novel, *After Anatevka*, which tells the story of what happened to the characters after Fiddler on the Roof

10. Wicked - the Wizard and I

- a. a [Broadway](#) musical with music and lyrics by [Stephen Schwartz](#) and book by [Winnie Holzman](#)
- b. s based on the 1995 [Gregory Maguire](#) novel [Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West](#), an alternative telling of the 1939 film [The Wizard of Oz](#) and [L. Frank Baum](#)'s classic 1900 story, [The Wonderful Wizard of Oz](#).
- c. The musical is told from the perspective of the witches of the Land of Oz; its plot begins before and continues after Dorothy's arrival in Oz from Kansas, and it includes several references to the 1939 film and Baum's novel.

Songs based off of British Literature

11. Led Zeppelin - Ramble On

- a. Based off of Tolkien's classic series, "The Lord of the Rings:
- b. The song mentions many characters and places from the series such as Mordor and Gollum
- c. The Strokes - Soma
 - i. Loosely based on "[Brave New World](#)" by Aldous Huxley

Finale

12. Harry and the Potters - These Days are Dark