

NEWS BREAK

Sunday's News Break selects an article from **Sunday, January 24, 2016** of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected story and answer the attached study questions.

How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying – Frank Loesser (NIE Special Section, page I6) <https://ad.seattletimes.com/FlippingBook/NIE/2016/HowToSucceed/>

Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. Have you ever seen a musical before? How is a musical different from a play or movie? How are they the same?
2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. borough
- B. chutzpah
- C. classic
- D. debut
- E. denizen
- F. drama
- G. hoodlum
- H. outlier
- I. peppered
- J. persona
- K. pugnacious
- L. renowned
- M. score
- N. slang
- O. undisputed

1. sometimes used to refer to the first appearance of a product, sport, event, etc.
2. words that are not considered part of the standard vocabulary of a language and that are used very informally in speech especially by a particular group of people
3. a play, movie, television show, or radio show that is about a serious subject and is not meant to make the audience laugh
4. known and admired by many people for some special quality or achievement
5. to put something in many places in (a story, speech, etc.)
6. one of the five main sections of New York City
7. showing a readiness or desire to fight or argue
8. a person, animal, or plant that lives in or often is found in a particular place or region
9. a document showing all the notes of a piece of music
10. used to say that something has come to be considered one of the best of its kind
11. accepted by everyone
12. someone who stands apart from others of his or her group, as by differing behavior, beliefs, or religious practices
13. personal confidence or courage that allows someone to do or say things that may seem shocking to others
14. the way you behave, talk, etc., with other people that causes them to see you as a particular kind of person; the image or personality that a person presents to other people
15. a tough and violent criminal

Comprehension

1. Where was Frank Loesser from?
2. What did he pepper his speech with?
3. What was Frank Loesser's father a well-known professor of? **(Multiple Choice)**
 - a) Art
 - b) Literature
 - c) Music
4. Loesser joined the Air Force during which war, and wrote more-boasting songs?
5. Loesser wrote the song "Baby, it's Cold Outside" in order to perform where and with whom?
6. Loesser wrote the _____ and the book for "The Most Happy Fella", a deeply-felt _____ of near-operatic scope. **(Fill in the blanks with vocabulary)**
7. What long running Broadway classic of Loesser's debuted in 1950?
 - a) Guys and Dolls
 - b) Hans Christian Andersen
 - c) How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying
8. "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama – **true or false?**

Additional Activities

1. Read the following selection from the article you just read about Frank Loesser:
"Meeting him, you might assume he was a lower-class denizen of the outer boroughs, someone who had worked his way up the show-biz ladder driven by hunger and chutzpah."
Have you ever met someone and formed an opinion of them only to be wrong? Journal about a time you met someone and your first impression of them and how that impression changed once you actually got to know them better. Then as a class discuss the following: How can judging someone before we know them be bad? Has someone ever assumed something about you that wasn't true? How did it make you feel?
2. What kind of persona do you think you have? How do you think others view you and why? If you were to create a persona for a character you were writing about in a story what would they be like? Write a short story and create a persona for the main character of your story. What traits do they have? What things do they like to do? What do they look like? Draw a picture of your character based on their persona to accompany your short story.

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Answer Key to Vocabulary

- A. 6
- B. 13
- C. 10
- D. 1
- E. 8
- F. 3
- G. 15
- H. 12
- I. 5
- J. 14
- K. 7
- L. 4
- M. 9
- N. 2
- O. 11

Answer Key to Comprehension Questions

- 1. Manhattan or New York (Either answer is acceptable)
- 2. He peppered his speech with slang.
- 3. c) Music
- 4. He joined the Air Force during World War II.
- 5. He wrote it to perform at Hollywood parties with his wife.
- 6. score, drama
- 7. a) Guys and Dolls
- 8. True