

Crosswalk of Common Core Instructional Shifts: Mathematics
Connecting Mathematics and Merry-Go-Round Youth Theatre's
5th Grade Preparatory Workshop and Performance of *Emilia and the Heart of the Amazon*

Shifts According to EngageNY
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Shifts According to
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1: Focus: Students focus deeply on the Amazon Rainforest and the importance of conservation. Students use ELA and Science skills to reach strong foundational knowledge and deep conceptual understanding, while practicing proper audience etiquette.

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1: Focus strongly where the Standards focus

2: Coherence: Students build on knowledge gained from exploring different cultures during previous MGR performances (China in 3rd Grade and Haudenosaunee in 4th). Actors reinforce audience expectations and encourage empathy and tolerance. Concepts of Ticuna culture and conservation methods explored during the preparatory workshop are extended into the performance.

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2: Coherence: Think across grades, and **link** to major topics within grades

4: Deep Understanding: Students activate prior knowledge to access rainforest conservation from the perspective of an indigenous Brazilian tribe, the Ticuna. Students experience concepts from ELA Module 2A and Science come to life and understand how theatre can be used to access different cultures.

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3: Rigor: Require fluency, application, and deep understanding

5: Application: Students apply content from the preparatory workshop, such as information about Amazon Rainforest and the Belo Monte Dam, to the viewing of the performance. Actors encourage students to apply conservation efforts to their own lives, such as recycling, reusing, and turning off the tap while brushing teeth.