

A Ballerina's Tale

Just For Fun Rating (0-5): □□□□ *Age Range:* 9+ years

Diversity Themes: Race/Ethnicity; Gender; Body Diversity

Potential Questions/Comments/Activities:

1. *What do you think of Misty Copeland and her dancing?*
 - a. *Does she look like the ballerinas that you know?*
 - b. *What makes her different and special?*
2. *Research the history of ballet and why the body type has persisted.*
 - a. *Learn more about George Balanchine and his preferred aesthetic.*
 - b. *What did ballerinas look like before Balanchine?*
3. *What else do you think Misty had to overcome? Was there anything that you think they didn't talk about enough in the movie?*
4. *Get Misty's Barbie doll!*
5. _____
6. _____

Continuing the Conversation

Does your child dance? What kind of diversity do you see in his or her class? Race? Ethnicity? Gender? Body Type? Why do you think this idea of what a dancer 'should' look like has lasted this long? How do you think Misty is changing the face and the body type of ballet? What could this do for the ballet world? What lasting impact could Misty have on ballet and other forms of dance? Do you think that this could also translate to other areas? How so and which ones?

