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What are the different types of hybrids in modern culture?

Hybrids. In the dictionary, it is labeled as a mixture. Specifically, the first definition relates to biology. In biology, the term refers to the crossbreeding of a living species. Mythology is also filled with hybrids, like centaurs. [Centaurs](#) are certainly interesting to look at, being half horse and half man. Sometimes they even have spears, bows, and arrows, or a satchel around their bodies.

Although in literature, hybrids do not consist of anything that is living. It is merely two or more forms of writing smashed together to create an informative piece. In modern culture, forms of hybridity can include a mixture of analytical writing, poems, lyrics, informative essays, books, and intermedia. These forms of hybridity can create various ways for audiences to learn or be entertained, such as books, movies, videos, teaching styles, and theatre.

These blended formats are ways readers can enjoy or learn from. A person who learns from a song's lyrics or a video's visuals can search online for a topic and find a visually pleasing video and an informative song to learn from. [Crash Course](#) usually does a great job at this. They have songs, artworks, and scripted learning all combined to help viewers learn about new topics. Many high school teachers and even college professors use such videos to help students understand the content of their lessons. Interactive learning, or mixed forms of presentation, has

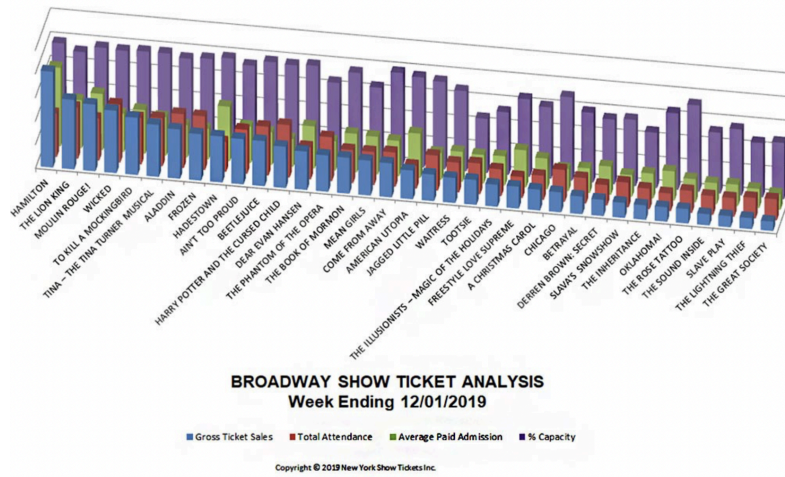
been proven to help students more than a teacher or professor lecturing in a classroom. The same could be said for hybrid schedules. These hybrid schedules could be half in-person and half in-home forms of schooling.

While hybrid styles of teaching are great for learning, what are the types of hybrids in modern pop culture? This question can be answered with examples from movies such as “*Grease*” and “*Who Framed Roger Rabbit?*” or from books like “*Mr. Wolf’s Class*” and “*Split Tooth*”. *Grease* is a musical film that blends genres such as romance and comedy. “*Mr. Wolf’s Class*” is a combination of pictures and texts. “*Split Tooth*” is a combination of poems and text.

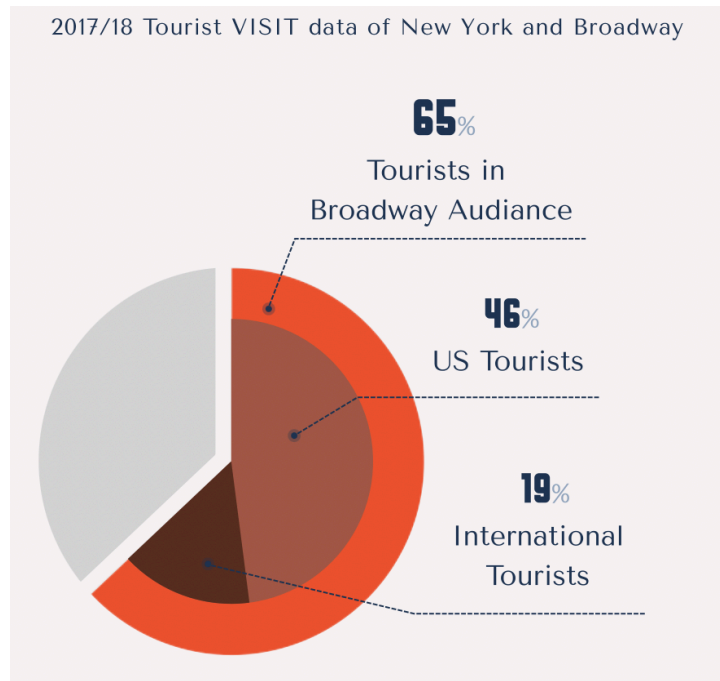
Musical theatre has had a large impact on pop culture in recent years. Shows like “*Hamilton*”, “*Newsies*”, and “*West Side Story*” have changed the way people can learn about history, other cultures, and awareness of issues happening in the world. Being in shows can develop someone’s self-awareness, confidence, and coordination. The mixture of scripted theatre and music has brought many stories to life, allowing audiences to learn through catchy songs and dance.

Musical theatre is very popular because performances can be recorded and uploaded to favorite music apps like Spotify or Apple Music, then shared with the world beyond the stage. *Hamilton* is a prime example. Not only was *Hamilton* a musical theatre performance, but the music itself was a hybrid of two different styles. *Hamilton*’s popularity grew quickly because audiences could easily learn about early American history and the forgotten founding fathers through a combination of various musical styles integrated into a theatre performance. Below are some charts showing the impact on musical theatre and its Broadway revenue, as well as the overall audiences it reaches.

From NYTIX, Broadway ticket sales analysis:



From BW Theatre Grosses:



These impacts, as shown in the chart, make it clear that, barring COVID-19, introducing the hybrid form of musical theatre has greatly increased the revenue and popularity Broadway generates annually. For more information, [Broadway Theatre Grosses](#) provides multiple charts covering income, popularity, and other statistics.

Musical movies have also had an impact in recent years, with titles like “Encanto,” “Tik Tik...Boom,” and adaptations of on-stage musicals. Hybrid media forms have been rising on mainstream charts in recent years. Apps like Apple TV, Netflix, Hulu, YouTube, and many other streaming providers have given these movies access to millions of subscribers.

With various forms of hybridity increasingly present in everyday life, people are finding new and improved ways to learn, entertain, or create. All around the world, people have access to hybrid forms of media.

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