

***My Fair Lady* Activities**



Pygmalion *My Fair Lady* is based on the George Bernard Shaw play, *Pygmalion*. The title comes from a legendary Greek figure, Pygmalion, a sculptor who fell in love with a statue he carved. Learn more about the myth of [Pygmalion and Galatea](#) and other Greek myths.

Film Fest Many modern movies are based on the story of Pygmalion.

Screen one or more of these movies with your residents: *Pretty Woman*, *Pinocchio*, *She's All That*, *Trading Places*, *Ruby Sparks* or *Overboard*.

Discuss the similarities and differences.



Afternoon Tea Host a proper British afternoon tea. Share the [history](#) of the



English custom. Gather your residents to create some traditional [tea time recipes](#). Someone might even have a special tea set to use for the occasion.

Horse Races Eliza's first outing in high society occurs at the Ascot horse races. In the United States, the Kentucky Derby horse race is held in early May. Gather your residents together for a viewing party. Place "bets" and cheer for your favorites.



Flowers In the beginning of *My Fair Lady*, Eliza sells bunches of flowers and dreams of someday working in a real flower shop. Celebrate the beauty of flowers by visiting a farmers market or local florist shop with your residents, or arrange to have a variety of flowers brought to your community. Give your residents the opportunity to create their own unique bouquets.



Fascinators One of the fun traditions associated with both the Kentucky Derby and Ascot is the wearing of original hats and hair pieces. Gather materials together and have residents and staff create their own unique and beautiful [fascinators](#).

English Words What are the differences between American English and British English? Although the language is the same, some of the words have very different meanings. Share this list of [words and phrases](#) with your residents, or create a game to see how many they can identify.



Chocolate Chocolate is a special treat for Eliza Doolittle and for most people. Try a few of these chocolate recipes with your residents: [Three Minute Fudge](#), [Double Chocolate Chip Cookies](#), [Hazelnut Chocolate Truffles](#).

George Bernard Shaw George Bernard Shaw was an Irish playwright and author. He wrote more than 60 plays and was a major influence on Western theater and culture. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1925. Visit your local library or search the Internet for some of his works. [List of works by George Bernard Shaw](#).

