

Fiddler on the Roof Character Breakdown - 34 character roles

Tevye

The narrator and main character, Tevye is the father of five daughters, an impoverished milkman, a leader in his Jewish community, and husband to his headstrong wife, Golde. He is faced with struggles to uphold the traditions of his people, especially through the marriages of his daughters. Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Male

Golde

Tevye's wife of twenty-five years and mother of his five daughters, Golde is an efficient helpmate and traditionalist, faced with changes of a "new world." She has a sharp tongue and wit. Her love of family helps her face the challenges that her family encounters. Strong acting skills.

Gender: Female

Tzeitel

Tevye and Golde's eldest daughter, Tzeitel is about twenty years old and in love with Motel. Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Female

Hodel

Tevye and Golde's second daughter, Hodel falls in love with Perchik and they defy tradition by not seeking her father's permission to marry, only his blessing. Later, she leaves Anatevka for Siberia to be with the imprisoned Perchik. Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Female

Chava

Tevye and Golde's third daughter, Chava falls in love with Fyedka, a Russian, and is ordered to "never see him again." They elope and her family disowns her, until the end when Tevye momentarily acknowledges them. Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Female

Shprintze

Tevye and Golde's fourth daughter

Gender: Female

Bielke

Tevye and Golde's youngest daughter

Gender: Female

Yente

The village's matchmaker and busybody. Strong acting skills.

Gender: Female

Motel Kamzoil

An impoverished tailor and secretly pledged to Tzeitel, Motel gathers the courage to ask Tevye for her hand in marriage. He feels "even a poor tailor is entitled to some happiness." They marry and start a family, which also includes the "new arrival" of a sewing machine. Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Male

Shandel

Motel's mother

Gender: Female

Perchik

A radical student from Kiev and later Hodel's husband, Perchik leaves Anatevka to work for the revolution in Kiev. He is arrested and sent to prison in Siberia. Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Male

Fyedka

A Russian villager and later Chava's husband. Strong acting skills.

Gender: Male

Lazar Wolf

A rich butcher, widower of Fruma-Sarah, and the man Yente the matchmaker sets as a match for Tzeitel. Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Male

Mordcha

The innkeeper.

Gender: Any

Rabbi

Anatevka's Jewish spiritual leader.

Gender: Male

Mendel

The Rabbi's son

Gender: Male

Avram

A bookseller

Gender: Any

Nachum

A beggar

Gender: Any

Grandma Tzeitel

Golde's late grandmother. Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Female

Rabbi in dream

Gender: Male

Fruma-Sarah

Lazar Wolf's late, bitter, and unpleasant wife. Great role in which to "over-act!"
Strong acting and singing voice.

Gender: Female

Yussel

A hat maker

Gender: Any

Constable

A local Russian official, the constable, though he has a good relationship with Tevye, follows his orders to perform an "unofficial demonstration" during Tzeitel and Motel's wedding, and then forces all the Jewish villagers to leave Anatevka. Strong acting skills.

Gender: Any

The Fiddler

Gender: Any

Priest

Gender: Any

Sasha

Fyedka's friend

Gender: Any

First Man, Second Man, Another Man, First Woman, Second Woman, Third Woman, First Russian Soldier, Second Russian Soldier

Gender: Any

Motel's Mother Shandel

Gender: Female

Bottle Dancers

Gender: Any

Villagers

Gender: Any

Russian Soldiers

Gender: Any