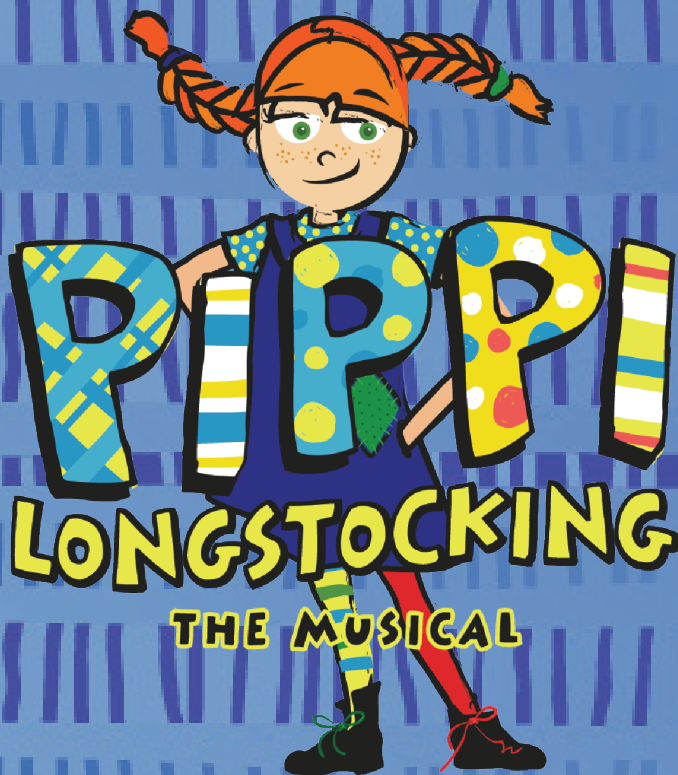




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# Meet the Cast!

Pippi's full name is Pippilotta Delicatessa Windowshade Mackrelmint Ephraim's Daughter Longstocking. That's quite a name! We asked the cast and production team to give themselves a Pippi name using the following formula:

First Name + lotta (or lotto for a boy)  
 A type of store + tessa (or tesso for a girl)  
 Favorite kitchen utensil  
 One icky food + One tasty food  
 Mom or dad's first name + Child  
 Last name + stocking



**Adam Beilgard** (*Teacher/Carnival Manager*)  
 Adamlotto Radioshacktesso  
 Mortarandpestle Fishtacos  
 Alan's Child Beilgardstocking



**Jackson Hamilton** (*Tommy*) Jacksonlotto  
 UltimateDinoFesttesso  
 Bunnyfork Frenchtoastpizza  
 Jeremy's Child  
 Hamiltonstocking



**Shea Beilgard** (*School Child/Tommy Understudy*)  
 Liamlotto Grocerytesso  
 Shealotto Targettesso Whisk  
 Limabeanburgers Adam's  
 Child Beilgardstocking



**Katelyn Henzi** (*School Child*) Katelynlotto  
 Confectionarytessa Whisk  
 Ranchravioli Stephanie's  
 Daughter Henzistocking



**Sharla Benning** (*School Child/Sailor/Annika Understudy*) Sharlotta  
 Booktessa Ladel  
 Cheesestrawberry Dannelle's  
 Daughter Benningstocking



**Patricia Holly** (*Choreographer*) Patricialotta  
 Candytessa Spatula  
 Corntruffle Ruth's Daughter  
 Hollystocking



**Melissa Chavas-Miller** (*Director*) Melissalotta  
 Targettessa Whisk  
 Brusselssproutschocolate  
 John's Child  
 Chavas-Millerstocking



**Michael Howland** (*Captain Longstocking/Strongman*)  
 Michaelotto Ebaytesso  
 Collander Beetblacklicorice  
 Mary's Child Howlandstocking



**Shelby Dale** (*Townsperson/Sailor/Mrs. Prysselius Understudy*) Shelbylotto  
 Cheeseshoptessa Spork  
 Anchovyburrito Susi's Child  
 Dalestocking



**Nate Jorgensen** (*Thunder/Klang Understudy*) Natelotto  
 Creperietesso Zester  
 Livercookie Karen's Child  
 Jorgensenstocking



**Jenna Darsee** (*Angel Mama/Mrs. Granberg/Townsperson*)  
 Jenna Apothecarytessa  
 Spatula Liverpie Nancy's  
 Daughter Darseestocking



**Greg Millar** (*Bloom/Larsson*)  
 Greglotto Cookietesso  
 Rollingpin Spinachicecream  
 Nadyne's Child Millarstocking



**Maren Grant** (*Stage Manager*) Marenlotta  
 Targettessa Spatula  
 Anchovyicecream Susan's  
 Child Grantstocking



**Travis Mitchell** (*Thunder/Klang*) Travidlotto  
 Grocerytesso Spatula  
 Liversteak James' Child  
 Mitchellstocking



**Jenna Parker** (*Mrs. Settergren*) Jennalotta Grocerytessa Spatula Porkrindsushi Tammy's Child Parkerstocking



**Brandon Record** (*Music Director*) Brandonlotto Targettesso Airfryer Sardinechocolate James' Child Recordstocking



**Isabella Rempe** (*Pippi/Pippi Double/School Child*) Isabellalotta Grocerytessa Spatula Brusselssproutsicecream Benjamin's Child Rempestocking



**Jodi Stanfield** (*Mrs. Pryssellius*) Jodilotta Patisseritessa Spatula Escargotbuffalowings Marilyn's Child Stanfieldstocking



**Amaya Veldkamp** (*Pippi/Pippi Double/School Child*) Amayalotta Clothingtessa Fork Mustardcashews Lisa's Child Veldkampstocking



**Landry Wagner** (*Annika*) Landrylotta Targettessa Airfryer Broccolichocolate Amity's Daughter Wagnerstocking

**Now it's your turn! Fill in the blanks below to find out your Pippi name.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ + lotta (or lotto if you're a boy)

A type of store: \_\_\_\_\_ + tessa (or tessu if you're a girl)

Favorite kitchen utensil: \_\_\_\_\_

One icky food: \_\_\_\_\_ + One tasty food: \_\_\_\_\_

Your mom or dad's first name: \_\_\_\_\_ + Child

Your last name: \_\_\_\_\_ + stocking

**Put it all together. Your Pippi name is:**

\_\_\_\_\_

## Test your memory

Sara Guerrero is the properties designer for Pippi Longstocking. A prop is anything that an actor picks up and handles during the play. Including little things like spoons and big things like puppets, there are over 100 props in the play! **Put on your thinking caps and make a list of all the props you remember. Can you also remember which character used each prop?**



# About the Author

## Astrid Lindgren (1907–2002)

Astrid Ericsson Lindgren, daughter of a farmer, was born in Vimmerby, Sweden, on November 14, 1907, the second of four children. She was encouraged to use her imagination and read books. Her favorite book, as a child, was *Anne of Green Gables*. In high school, Astrid, already gifted at creative writing, was told over and over that she would be an author someday. In 1931, she married Sture Lindgren and later became the mother of a son, Lars, and a daughter, Karin.

Although Astrid was still certain that she would never be an author, her two children begged her to tell them stories, and she did. In 1941, Astrid's daughter was sick with pneumonia and asked every evening to hear a story. One evening, when asked what the story should be about, little Karin replied, "Tell about Pippi Longstocking!" Without asking who Pippi Longstocking was, Astrid began to tell the story. Since she had an odd name, Pippi became an odd character. For several years, Astrid told and retold the story to Karin and her friends.

One snowy day in March 1944, Astrid went for a walk, fell, and broke her ankle. In bed for a week with nothing to do, she began to write. The very first book that she wrote was the highly acclaimed *Pippi Longstocking*. It was published in 1945.

Astrid wrote three books about *Pippi*: *Pippi Longstocking*, *Pippi on Board*, and *Pippi in the South Seas*. There were other children's books to follow; in all, there were over 90 published between 1944 and 1997.

## Which is which: Swedish or Pippi-talk?

The following are a series of writing prompts that can be used all together or individually for a Since this story takes place in Sweden, there are some Swedish words, but there are also words that Pippi makes up. Can you guess which is which? Next to each word, write whether its Swedish or Pippi words.

tach \_\_\_\_\_  
Ville Villekulla \_\_\_\_\_  
lilla flicka \_\_\_\_\_  
kukeliku \_\_\_\_\_  
ach \_\_\_\_\_

tiddlelipom and piddlediday \_\_\_\_\_  
ya-hopp \_\_\_\_\_  
pluttification \_\_\_\_\_  
mina damer och herrar \_\_\_\_\_  
schottische \_\_\_\_\_

Pippi words: tiddlelipom and piddlediday/an expression she uses to indicate wonderment; Ville Villekulla/the name of Pippi's house; ya-hopp/Pippi's way of saying, "yes"; pluttification/Pippi's mispronunciation of "multiplication"; kukeliku/the sound a rooster makes.

Here are the translations:  
Swedish: tach yes; lilla flicka/little girl; mina damer och herrar/Ladies and gentlemen; ach/oh; schottische (shot-ish)/a Swedish dance.

# All About YOU

**An autobiography is a story that someone writes about his or her own life. Use the first part of this paper to write about who you are and the second part to write about who you want to become!**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name (first, middle, and last)

was born in \_\_\_\_\_,  
City State

on \_\_\_\_\_ to  
Date of Birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Father and Mother's Name

He/She/They is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ children who are named  
Birth order Number of siblings

\_\_\_\_\_  
Names of Brothers and Sisters

His/Her/Their favorite book is \_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Favorite Book

and his/her/their favorite recollection as a child is

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your Best Memory

One of his/her/their favorite things to do is

\_\_\_\_\_  
Describe a Favorite Subject or Favorite Pastime

which naturally helped him/her/them to become a famous

\_\_\_\_\_  
Describe the Job You Want in the Future

Most people will remember him/her/them because

\_\_\_\_\_  
Describe a Future Accomplishment!

# Pippi is a Thing-finder.

## Can you be a Word-finder?

Look for the list of words within the puzzle. They may be found across, up and down, or diagonally, and they may be backward or forward. **Good luck!**

A	O	E	Z	E	C	F	E	B	J	N	E	D	E	L	I	I	N
O	N	F	T	A	U	B	Z	E	F	I	C	L	O	O	P	G	O
E	X	N	N	A	L	C	I	D	G	L	T	N	M	P	U	J	S
Y	K	D	I	O	R	E	R	S	W	S	G	C	I	R	P	C	S
Z	Y	A	O	K	Z	I	P	B	I	S	A	P	H	O	F	C	R
S	C	M	C	J	A	W	P	H	T	O	Z	S	L	L	N	G	A
D	A	O	T	P	O	H	W	O	I	N	P	I	V	O	E	T	L
N	I	A	T	P	A	C	C	A	R	N	I	V	A	L	R	H	H
T	O	M	M	Y	K	K	S	T	A	R	T	L	I	N	G	U	S
N	E	R	G	N	I	L	D	I	R	T	S	A	E	G	R	N	L
T	S	Z	E	N	G	L	A	W	K	Y	Z	L	A	V	E	D	R
I	H	Y	G	H	X	O	O	N	C	P	B	N	D	G	T	E	I
M	L	I	O	U	C	P	L	O	G	U	M	R	O	V	T	R	G
U	F	H	E	B	P	A	F	D	O	Z	G	Q	L	F	E	S	E
K	G	V	N	F	K	F	E	R	R	M	C	K	P	Q	S	G	S
N	G	Z	I	L	E	E	T	T	T	K	A	G	H	T	U	B	Z
S	U	I	L	E	S	S	Y	R	P	S	R	M	E	S	D	E	Y
V	I	L	L	E	V	I	L	L	A	K	U	L	L	A	B	C	I

PIPPI  
LONGSTOCKING  
TROUBLE  
BLOOM  
WHISTLE  
COFFEE  
CARNIVAL  
CAPTAIN

TOMMY  
ASTRID LINGREN  
STARTLING  
MRS PRYSELIOUS  
VILLE VILLAKULLA  
HOPTOAD  
THIEF  
BOYS

ANNIKA  
CAKE  
KLANG  
TEACHER  
GOLD  
PIRATE  
BED  
GIRLS

NILSSON  
LARSSON  
THUNDER  
PRIZE  
ADOLPH  
SETTERGREN  
CANDY  
SHRUG

## More word fun

Write the words "Pippi Longstocking" across the top of a sheet of paper, and then see how many new words you can make from the letters in the title of the play ("king," "pick," "got," "pink"). For an extra challenge, find words that have to do with the story ("song," "goop," "slip").

## AFTER THE SHOW:

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

**I never thought of it that way**

When Pippi gets angry, she balls up her hand into a fist and threatens to punch someone or else she calls names like “dumb kids!” We all know that hitting and name-calling are not allowed.

**What should a kid do when they angry?**

Pippi is not the only one who gets angry in the play. Mrs. Prysselius, Mrs. Settergren, the robbers, the teacher and the police all lose their tempers over Pippi’s behavior. **What should adults do when they get angry?**

One of the good things Pippi does to calm herself down is to think about her

Angel Mother watching over her. **What nice thing could you think about that would help you calm down when you are angry?**

Pippi breaks the rules all of the time and gets in trouble a lot. Getting in trouble is not funny when it happens to us. **Why do you think that children so enjoy reading about her and seeing her on stage?**

Pippi makes her own rules for going to bed and spending her own money. **If you could make just one of your own rules, what would it be and why?**

## EXTRA! EXTRA! WRITE ALL ABOUT IT!

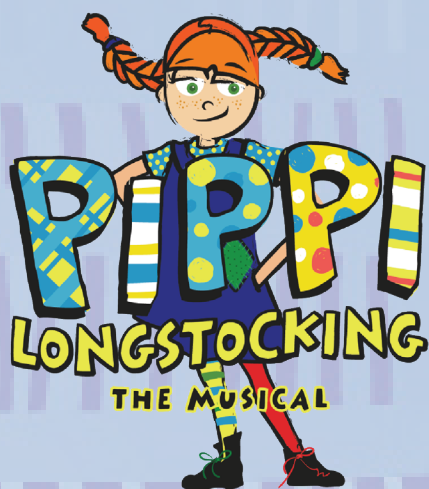
The following are a series of writing prompts that can be used all together or individually for a short creative writing experience.

1. Pippi’s day at school is quite out-of-the-ordinary. If Pippi visited your classroom, would she be your friend? What is it about Pippi that would make her a good friend? If you don’t think she’d be your friend, what about Pippi would keep her from being a good friend? What school activities would Pippi enjoy? What would she dislike doing? What classroom rules would Pippi break if she behaved in your schoolroom the way she did in Tommy and Annika’s school? How do you think your teacher would respond if Pippi came into your classroom?

2. If you have read the book, *Pippi Longstocking*, describe some of the differences between the book and the play.

3. Pippi has some things that many children do not. She has a suitcase full of gold. She has incredible strength. She has her own house. She has two interesting pets: a horse and a monkey. If you could have one of those things, which would you choose and why? Which of Pippi’s things would you not want and why?

4. If you could play one child’s role in the play, *Pippi Longstocking*, which would it be? Tell why it would be enjoyable to play that role? What may be difficult about it?



## AUTOGRAPHS