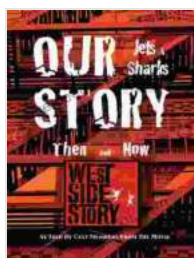


Our Story: Jets, Sharks, Then and Now

The Jets and the Sharks are two rival gangs that have been feuding for years. In the 1957 musical *West Side Story*, the Jets are portrayed as a group of white teenagers from the Upper West Side of Manhattan, while the Sharks are a group of Puerto Rican teenagers from the Lower East Side. The musical explores the tensions between the two groups, as well as the love story between Tony, a Jet, and Maria, a Shark.

The Jets are led by Riff, a charismatic and hot-headed teenager. The Sharks are led by Bernardo, Maria's older brother. Bernardo is a proud and protective leader, who is determined to defend his gang's territory. The two gangs are constantly at odds, and their rivalry often leads to violence.



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Despite the violence, there is also a sense of camaraderie between the Jets and the Sharks. They are both teenagers who are trying to find their place in the world. They both have their own hopes and dreams, and they

both want to be respected. The musical explores the complex emotions that exist between the two groups, and it shows that even in the midst of conflict, there is still room for hope.

The Jets and the Sharks have been featured in numerous films, television shows, and other works of art. They have become iconic symbols of gang violence and the struggles of immigrant communities. The musical *West Side Story* has been performed around the world, and it continues to be a popular and beloved work of art.

The Jets Then and Now

The Jets were originally a group of white teenagers from the Upper West Side of Manhattan. They were formed in the 1950s, and they were one of the first gangs to be featured in a musical. The Jets were portrayed as a tough and rebellious group, and they were often involved in fights with other gangs.

Today, the Jets are still around, but they are a much different group than they were in the 1950s. They are now a more diverse group, and they are involved in a variety of activities, including sports, music, and community service. The Jets are still a proud group, but they are no longer a violent gang.

The Sharks Then and Now

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The Legacy of the Jets and the Sharks

The Jets and the Sharks have had a lasting impact on American culture. They have become iconic symbols of gang violence and the struggles of immigrant communities. The musical West Side Story has been performed around the world, and it continues to be a popular and beloved work of art.

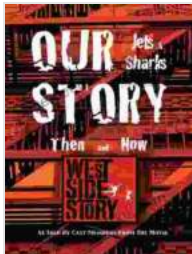
The Jets and the Sharks are a reminder of the dangers of gang violence and the importance of community. They are also a reminder that even in the midst of conflict, there is still room for hope.



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