

Wizard of Oz – Character Summary

Main Characters

- **Dorothy Gale:** A sweet, innocent young girl with a streak of boldness. Many lines, strong solo singing, and dancing. Spends nearly the whole show on stage.
- **Hunk / Scarecrow:** Farmhand on the Gale farm, and the Scarecrow in Oz. Clumsy and sweet. Numerous lines and solo singing are needed to bring this character to life.
- **Zeke / Lion:** Farmhand on the Gale farm and the Cowardly Lion in Oz. Numerous lines, quirky character, and solo singing are needed to bring this character to life.
- **Hickory / Tin Man:** Farmhand on the Gale farm, and the Tin Man in Oz. A sweet and nurturing character. Numerous lines and solo singing are needed to bring this character to life.
- **Ms. Gulch / Wicked Witch:** A well-off and cold-hearted neighbor who becomes the Wicked Witch of the West. Significant lines and strong acting needed, but limited solo singing.

Supporting Characters

- **Aunt Em:** A hard-working farmer's wife. Caring, strong, and firm. Acting, lines, and small solo singing.
- **Uncle Henry:** The owner of the Gale farm, and Aunt Em's husband. Speaking role with a few lines.
- **Toto:** Played by a puppet at the beginning. Transforms in Oz. Energetic and exuberant.
- **Professor Marvel / Wizard of Oz:** A traveling salesman, then con man Wizard with a good heart. Needs a commanding voice, and strong memorization skills. Many long and complicated lines, no solo singing.
- **Glinda:** The Good Witch of the North. Delicate, graceful, and motherly. Small solo singing.

Cameo Roles

- **Oz Doorman:** A comical character who tries to be tough, but turns soft when Dorothy cries.
- **Nikko:** The leader of the Winged Monkeys. Speaks only in monkey sounds, but needs to be tough and somewhat scary.

Ensemble Groups

- **Ensemble A**
 - **Tornado:** characters that fly by during the twister and help move us to Oz.
 - **Jitterbugs:** dancing bugs sent by the Wicked Witch to out-dance Dorothy
- **Ensemble B**
 - **Munchkins:** little people who live in Munchkinland. Innocent and joyful. Many smaller roles for solos and features, which we will divide up in rehearsal. (mayors, fathers, tots, tough kids, etc.)
 - **Ozians:** the people of the Emerald City. Clad in green, living the good life.
- **Ensemble C**
 - **Crows:** the nemeses of Scarecrow. Taunting, but happy to see Dorothy on her journey.
 - **Winged Monkeys:** the Wicked Witch's animal army.
- **Ensemble D**
 - **Apple Trees:** living, talking trees. Several chances for small speaking parts.
 - **Winkie Guards:** the Wicked Witch's guards. Small group singing and marching.