

b/ Read these biographies and guess the names of *West Side Story*'s authors on the next page.



Leonard Bernstein

(1918 – 1990) was a very talented and successful pianist, conductor and composer. He was the first American-born Music director of the New York Philharmonic from 1957

to 1969. He composed different kinds of music, from opera to film music, including ballets and musicals.



Stephen Sondheim

(born 1930) is an American composer and lyricist, which means that he writes music and song lyrics. He is known for daring approaching unexpected and dark themes, like in *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street* (1979).

Jerome Robbins (1918 – 1998) was an American dancer and choreographer who worked in classical ballet, on stage and for the cinema. Among others, he staged the musicals *On the Town* (1944), *Peter Pan* (1954), *Bells Are Ringing* (1956) and *Fiddler on the Roof* (1964).



Arthur Laurents (1917 – 2011) was an American playwright (= author of theatre plays) and screenwriter who wrote several plays for Broadway. Among others, he wrote his first screenplay for Alfred Hitchcock and adapted Françoise Sagan's *Bonjour tristesse* to the cinema.



Four authors for one musical: who did what on *West Side Story*?

The book was written by

The music was composed by

The lyrics were written by

The choreography was staged by