



Character List: Fiddler On The Roof

Tevey: As the narrator and main character of this story, Tevey is the father of five daughters, an impoverished milkman, a leader in his Jewish community, and husband to the headstrong Golde. He is faced with struggles to uphold the traditions of his people, especially through the marriages of his daughters.

Golde: As Tevey'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.

Tzeitel: Tevey and Golde's eldest daughter, Tzeitel is about twenty years old and in love with Motel, whom she eventually marries instead of Lazar Wolf.

Hodel: Tevey 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.

Chava: Tevey 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 Tevey momentarily acknowledges them.

Shprintze: Tevey and Golde's fourth daughter

Bielke: Tevey and Golde's youngest daughter

Yente: The village's matchmaker and busybody

Motel Kamzoil: An impoverished tailor, secretly pledged to Tzeitel, Motel gathers the courage to ask Tevey for her hand in marriage. He feels "even a poor tailor is entitled to some happiness."

Shandel: Motel's mother

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.

Fyedka: A Russian villager and later Chava's husband

Lazar Wolf: A rich butcher, widower of Fruma-Sarah, and the man Yente the matchmaker sets as a match for Tzeitel

Constable: A local Russian official, though he has a good relationship with Tevey, follows his orders to perform an "unofficial demonstration" during the wedding, and then forces all the Jewish villagers to leave Anatevka.

Mordcha: An innkeeper

Rabbi: Anatevka's Jewish spiritual leader

Mendel: The Rabbi's son

Avram: A bookseller

Nahum: A beggar

Grandma Tzeitel: Golde's late grandmother, as depicted in Tevey's dream

Fruma-Sarah: Lazar Wolf's late wife; a ghostly apparition as depicted in Tevey's dream

Yussel: A hatter

Sasha: Fyedka's friend, a Russian

The Fiddler

Villagers