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Watch one of the following videos (in-class or as homework) per day leading up to seeing the Nutcracker Production (Online or In-Person)

1. Russian Folk Dance:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K21yj2lEgrA&list=RDK21yj2lEgrA&start_radio=1

2. Chinese Traditional Dance :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1dTGEM4WnXQ&list=RD1dTGEM4WnXQ&start_radio=1

Option 2: Chinese Traditional/Contemporary
Little Pear Garden Dance Company

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=47j20XiOTIA>

3. Spanish Flamenco Dance :

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G5F9Opr74Ew&list=RDG5F9Opr74Ew&start_radio=1

4. Bharatanatyam (Classical Indian Dance) (Arabian Dance Inspiration 1)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWhA3ldZcyY&list=RDJWhA3ldZcyY&start_radio=1

5. Kathak (Classical Indian Dance) Arabian Dance Inspiration 2)

Aroha Fine Arts Dance Company
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cje5KgBDVM>

6. Baladi/Belly Dance (Arabian Dance Inspiration 3)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JTTc2Uroz9E&list=RDJTTc2Uroz9E&start_radio=1

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In your dance journal, answer the following questions about the dance video you watched in class today:

1. What movement qualities did you see in this video?

Fast Slow Controlled Released Big Small Linear
Angular Circular Stationary Travelling.

Do any other words come to mind?

2. What kinds of emotions did you feel while watching this dance?

Happy Sad Angry Confused Intrigued
Afraid Romance Inspired

Do any other emotions come to mind?

3. In your own words, what kind of story do you think the dance was trying to tell?

4. How would you describe the music that went along with the dance?

5. How would you change the dance to make it more to your liking?

6. Do you have any other comments or questions to share about this dance?