Rodgers and Hammerstein’s “The Sound of Music”
Richard Rodgers
1902-1979

- Born in New York City, New York
- Father was a doctor
- Mother was a pianist
- Family loved to purchase the latest music, learn, and perform it together
Richard Rodgers
1902-1979

- Parents encouraged him to study music
- Considered one of the greatest composers in American theatre
- Was mainly self-taught as a composer
Oscar Hammerstein II
1895-1960

- Born in New York City, New York
- Grandparents and parents were in show business
- Named after his grandfather
Oscar Hammerstein II  
1895-1960

- Family discouraged him from becoming a musician
- Studied law at Columbia University
- 3 Minutes of silence at midnight in Times Square, New York City to honor him when he died
Rodgers and Hammerstein

- Both were born and raised in New York City
- Both were 20th Century composers
- Teamed up in the early 1940’s
- Rodgers wrote the music, Hammerstein the lyrics
- Wrote many famous musicals: The Sound of Music, The King and I, Oklahoma, Carousel, South Pacific, State Fair
Rodgers

- Supportive parents
- Wrote melodies
- Father was a doctor, mother a pianist
- Teamed up in the 1940’s
- Both Americans
- Both from New York City
- Best known team of American composers
- Parents discouraged him about show business
- Wrote the lyrics
- Named after grandfather

Hammerstein