

Vocabulary Terms - Greek Drama

1. Cast – the list of characters/actors
2. Chorus – company of actors who comment, sing, and dance and provide entertainment
3. Comedy – a play with a happy ending
4. Drama – a story being performed by actors in front of an audience
5. Dialogue – words or lines spoken between characters
6. Hubris – excessive pride which leads to the downfall
7. Monologue – words spoken by one character to the audience; usually long in length
8. Orchestra – where the chorus sings
9. Parados – paths for the chorus entrances and exits
10. Playwright – the composer of the play's manuscript
11. Satyr (satire) – a form of comedy that was very crude and became the basis for satire.
12. Script – the written words and cues for the actors to perform the dialogue
13. Skene – the front is used for acting (stage), and behind, a tent or room for changing of costumes; became a backdrop
14. Stage directions – usually written in parentheses; part of the script of a play that tells the actors how they are to move or to speak their lines.
15. Theatron – where the audience sits
16. Thespian – an actor; first known actor was Thespis
17. Tragedy - drama in which the hero will suffer due to a tragic flaw in his/her character
18. Tragic hero – main character (protagonist) with a tragic flaw