

Vocabulary Terms - Greek Drama

Cast	the list of characters/actors
Chorus	company of actors who comment, sing, and dance and provide entertainment
Comedy	a play with a happy ending
Drama	a story being performed by actors in front of an audience
Dialogue	words or lines spoken between characters
Hubris	excessive pride which leads to the downfall
Monologue	words spoken by one character to the audience; usually long in length
Orchestra	where the chorus sings
Parados	paths for the chorus entrances and exits
Playwright	the composer of the play's manuscript
Satyr (satire)	a form of comedy that was very crude and became the basis for satire.
Script	the written words and cues for the actors to perform the dialogue
Skene	Behind the orchestra – furthest from audience; the front is used for acting (stage), and behind, a tent or room for changing of costumes; became a backdrop

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.
Theatron	where the audience sits
Thespian	an actor; first known actor was Thespis
Tragedy	drama in which the hero will suffer due to a tragic flaw in his/her character
Tragic Hero	main character (protagonist) with a tragic flaw