



# Greek Theatre

1. Plays were first performed to honour which God?
2. The God in question one was the God of what?
3. What shape were Greek theatres? Why were they shaped this way?
4. Who sat in the seats at the front?
5. Could women take part in, or attend the plays?
6. Name some of the Greek playwrights
7. What did the audience throw at the actors who performed badly?
8. What did the actors wear?
9. How did people at the back of the large theatres hear what the actors were saying?
10. What were the masks made of?

## Answers

1. Dionysus
2. Theatre and wine
3. Large and semi-circular with rows of tiered seating.  
The centre was circular with an altar dedicated to Dionysus. The stage was raised within the circle.  
This shape made sure the audience could all see and also helped amplify the sound.
4. Special very important visitors
5. Women could attend the plays, but all the actors were men
6. Aeschylus, Sophocles and Euripides- tragedies  
Aristophanes- comedies
7. Food and even stones
8. Masks, bright colours for comedies and dark colours for tragedies
9. The shape of the theatre and the shape of the masks
10. The masks were made of fabric and stiffened with plaster