



Drama and Lyric Exam B

ESSAY QUESTIONS.

1. What are the two main types of Greek drama? (8 pts.)

2. When was the Golden age of Greece? (8 pts.)

3. Which two major events in the 5th century shaped Athenian culture and influenced Greek thought and in particular the Greek playwrights? (8 pts.)

4. What is the real problem addressed throughout the Oresteia trilogy? (10 pts.)

5. How did the playwright Aeschylus please the Athenian audience with his plays? (9 pts.)

6. What is the real problem that Oedipus the King addresses as revealed in Oedipus' angry argument with Teiresias? (8 pts.)

7. Why do the Greeks love Tragedy? (9 pts.)

8. What was Euripides' purpose in writing *The Trojan Women*? (6 pts.)

9. How were the plays of Aristophanes comparable to those of Gilbert and Sullivan? (7 pts.)

10. What epithet is rumored to have been given to Sappho because she wrote poetry so well? (5 pts.)



11. To whom is the material in *The Works and Days* directed? (5 pts.)

12. Who dealt Achilles his death-blow? (8 pts.)

13. What does *The Fall of Troy* speak about? (7 pts.)

14. When and where did Hesiod live? (BONUS QUESTION FOR EXTRA CREDIT) (5 pts.)

15. What period of history does the word “Hellenistic” refer to? (BONUS QUESTION FOR EXTRA CREDIT) (5 pts.)
