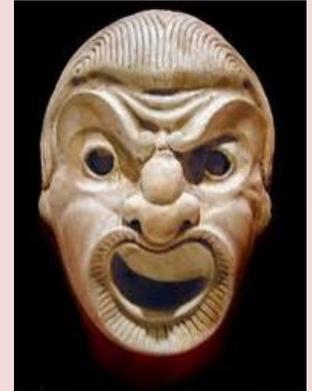
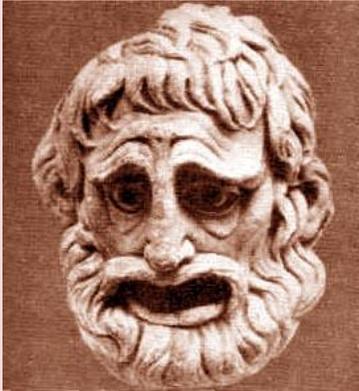


Roman Theater Masks

(25 points)

[\(Grading Rubric\)](#)



The purpose of this project is to make a "**papier mache**" mask that might have been used at one of the performances at the theater in Pompeii.

Choose which character you would like to make.

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| servus stultus | - the stupid slave |
| servus callidus | - the clever slave |
| ancilla pulchra | - the beautiful slave-girl |
| miles gloriosus | - the braggart soldier |
| senex iratus miser | - the angry greedy old man |
| senex fatuus | - the foolish old man |
| venalicius perfidus | - the treacherous slave dealer |
| adulescens amator | - the sad young man in love |

These characters are grotesque, exaggerated and comical. Use your imagination.

materials needed:

newspaper	water	scissors	large balloon
printer paper	shallow tray	paint	ribbon
flour	tablecloth	pin	paper towels

1. Lay down tablecloth on work area.
2. Inflate balloon to the size of a human head.
3. Tear 1 inch and 2 inch strip from the newspaper and printing paper.
Do not cut with scissors.
4. Mix 2 cups of flour with 3/4 cup of water in tray.
5. Put a few strips of torn paper into mixture and let sit until saturated. Take individual strips, scraping off excess glue and lay them across the balloon horizontally over-lapping strips until the balloon is completely covered. Repeat the process vertically and then for a third time horizontally. A fourth or fifth layer can be applied if you think it necessary for strength.
6. Once the base has been finished you can add facial features such as eyebrows, forehead furrows, cheekbones, or lips by wadding up newspaper into different shapes. You can use other materials to form facial features **as long as you cover them with paper strips and tie them into the base structure.**
7. When finished, clean up, set the mask aside and **let dry overnight.**
8. Next day pop the balloon with a needle. Cut the back half the paper head off with scissors. Cut openings for eyes, nose and a mouth. **Make sure the holes line up with your face.** Poke two holes on the side to hold the ribbon that will keep the mask on your face.
9. Paint the mask with all the creativity you can muster. Allow to dry. Tie a length of ribbon to the hole on each side.
10. Try it on and look in the mirror, but remember not to scare your little brother or sister.