

# World Theatre Study Guide

## Noh and Kabuki

1. How does set design in Kabuki theatre engage the audiences?
2. What purpose does make-up serve on the Kabuki stage?
3. Do women perform in Kabuki theatre?
4. Describe a mie pose.
5. Where do the Kabuki stories come from? What are some common themes?
6. What is the purpose of the masks in a Noh play?
7. If a Noh performer does not have a mask on their facial expression is what?
8. Noh is elaborate or simplistic?
9. What elements are included in Noh set design?
10. Describe the movement in Noh theatre?

## Shakespeare

11. What is iambic pentameter?
12. What are some of the reasons people doubt Shakespeare wrote his plays?
13. Where were Shakespeare's plays performed and by who?
14. What are the 3 categories of Shakespearean plays?
15. Which of plays does this describe? Shakespeare's most graphic and gruesome play. While it's brilliantly written, if you have a weak stomach (or had meat pie for dinner), avoid this one.
16. What play name are you not supposed to say in the theatre and why?
17. What did Shakespeare give his wife in this will?

## Medieval Theatre

18. Why did the Catholic Church want theatrical performances silenced during the dark ages?
19. What is a pageant wagon?
20. What was a "hellmouth" and why was it so popular?
21. What is an everyman play?
22. Define: miracle, passion, mystery, and morality plays
23. Define: Psychomachia

## Roman Theatre

24. List some of the types of Roman Theatre.
25. What was the Roman's biggest contribution to theatre?
26. Know what the elements of plot are and the different types of plot?
27. Know the types of characters and how the audience gets to know them.
28. What is a subplot?
29. What is spectacle?
30. What is deus ex machina?

## Greek Theatre

31. Who were the Greeks performing theatre to celebrate/please?
32. Where were performances held and who could participate?
33. How did greeks use masks?
34. Who was the first actor?
35. What was the purpose of the greek chorus?
36. Describe the Greek's stage.
37. Briefly describe the story of Oedipus.
38. Violence in Greek theatre takes place where?
39. Know what a skene and theatron are.
40. Good Luck!