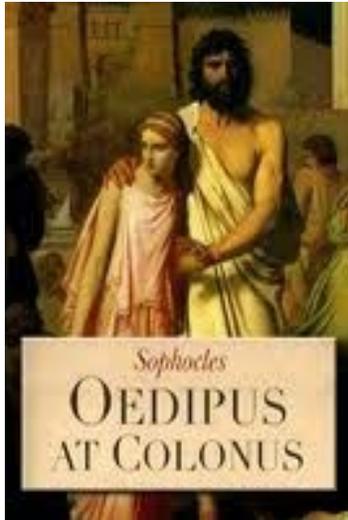
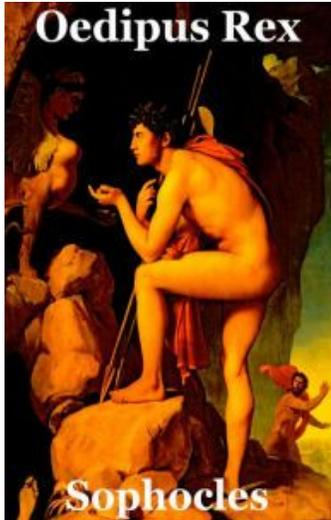


Greek Entertainment



By Sophocles

In Greek Theaters the stage was a raised platform. A Greek Theater's actors were all men and they were called hypokrites. The amphitheaters were outside and were big enough to fit up to 40,000 people in them. During the play, a chorus also comes out that sings odes to set the mood as the play continued.

Sophocles is a playwright (496 BC- 586 BC). Sophocles wrote over 100 plays during his life, but only seven of them still exist today. He also also competed with other playwrights and won for the first time at age 28.

Tragedy awakens the feelings of the audience as fear, wonder, and awe. A tragedy is represented in a hero's life that often times ends with his destruction or death. A lesson or a significant message about life is always shown through a tragedy.

Oedipus Rex and Oedipus at Colonus were both written by the playwright Sophocles. Both of the plays are about a curse given to Oedipus' family because they had committed a crime against the gods. In the play, a king and queen give birth to a baby named Oedipus, but is abandoned in the mountains to die. He is raised by the king and queen of Corinth (and not knowing his real parents). When Oedipus grows up he kills his own father (he didn't know that) and marrying his own mother. As a result they both have four children.