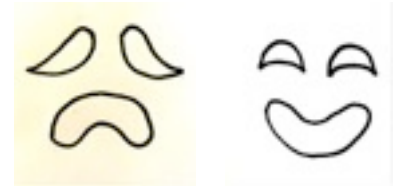# How to make an Ancient Greek theatre mask

1. Cut the top off a paper plate.

2. On the plate, sketch out the mask's eyes and a mouth. You'll need to decide between a tragic character (sad face) and a comic character (happy face).

3. Cut out the eyes and the mouth. To start off, push a pencil (with an eraser underneath) through the paper plate, so you have a starting point for your scissors.

4. Turn the plate over, so you're working on the bottom.

Before you start to decorate, you have to decide on your character. Male or female? Old or young? Rich or poor? Angry or afraid?

5. Using felt-tip pens, coloured pencils or paint, decorate your character to bring it to life.

6. Make holes for string (to hold the mask in place) by pushing a pencil through the plate and into an eraser underneath. Do this on both sides of the mask.

7. Tie a 30cm length of string, elastic or ribbon through each of the holes.

8. Using felt, wool, coloured paper or fabric, give your mask a hairstyle that fits its character.

Your mask is now finished and ready for you to wear!