

Medieval Theatre CBRT Script

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- 1 A Morality! [Gesture]
2 A Miracle! [Gesture]
3 A Mystery! [Gesture]
All Medieval Theatre!
4 Emerged in the Roman Catholic
5 liturgy.
6 Liturgy is a type of worship.
1 Plays evolved from the trope of
2-4 The Three Mary's.
6 What is a trope?
2 A part of the Church's music
3 Think Gregorian Chant [sound effect]
4 After a while, the trope turned into an
Easter play
1 The peasants, who couldn't read,
really liked learning stories about
biblical characters and saints this way.
All So the plays got longer and longer
[Gesture]
2 and turned into Mystery Plays.
3 About the entire Bible.
1 From Adam and the beginning of the
world
5 to the story of Revelations and the end
of the World.
4 When they performed a whole bunch
of mystery plays, they were called a
cycle.
All The entire town would put on the
Cycle Plays.
1 But mostly the Guilds.
5 What is a Guild?
6 A Guild was a group of men who had
the same career or business.
All There were Guilds for every type of
work.
1 For Butchers!
2 For Bakers!
3 For Candlestick Makers!
4 Each Guild would put on a Mystery Play
that matched their profession.
5 So the Bakers Guild would perform
6 "The Play of the Loaves and Fishes"
1 Later, people would start performing
plays outside of Church celebrations.
2 These secular plays were Morality Plays.
- 3 Morality plays were usually allegories.
All Hold on! [Gesture] What's an
allegory?
1 An Allegory is a story where
2 people,
3 places,
4 and objects
5 really represent ideas [gesture]
6 One morality play was The Castle of
Perseverance
1 Which follows the journey of the main
character who is named
All Mankind
2 Because he represent all the people in
the world.
3 He meets other characters in the play
1 Like his Good Angel [gesture]
2 And his Bad Angel [sound effect]
3 This morality play is about Mankind
All Overcoming evil [gesture] and
winning Salvation.
5 There were also medieval plays that
weren't religious.
6 There were Farces
5 which made fun of people and made
people laugh [sound affect]
4 There were Mummings
3 which were pantomimes performed on
holidays like Christmas
2 And there were Masques
1 which involved dancing [gesture]
All Medieval theatre ended in the 16th
6 When the Protestant Queen Elizabeth
[gesture] banned religious plays
3 Because she didn't agree with the
Catholic Church.
4 And when playwrights
2 Like Shakespeare
3 Became interested in Classical stories
Like Julias Caesar [gesture]
4 And historical tales like
5 Henry V.
1 That's what was on stage from the 9th
century until the 16th century
All Entertainment for more than 500
years! [sound effect]