

Why is theatre important in our local area?

472 BCE

The 1st theatre
in Greece



1392

Coventry
Mystery Plays



1598

Shakespeare and the
Globe Theatre



1906

Ellen Terry and the
New Empire Theatre



Key Vocabulary

Auditorium	The part of the theatre where people sit to watch the show
Comedy	A play with a happy ending and jokes or funny parts
History	A play which tells a real story from the past
Legacy	Something handed down from one historical period to another
Mystery Play	A play which tells a story from the Bible
Playwright	A person who writes plays
Prop	An item used on stage
Satire	A play that makes fun of people or their behaviour (in a rude way!)
Scene	A smaller part of a play (within an act)
Tragedy	A play with an unhappy ending

Our inquiry questions...

What is the legacy of Greek theatre today?

How did theatre begin in this country?

Why is Shakespeare so important to theatre?

Why did the “world’s greatest actress” help build a theatre in Coventry?