Greek Theatre

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**This is a short play about the Cyclops. Read the story and see if you can write a short script for this play. Remember you do not need speech marks but can include brackets to show actions or intonation)**

**Cyclops Script**

Characters:

Cyclops

Odysseus

Odysseus’s men

Sheep

Scene:

Cyclops’ cave – possibly outside and inside

Outline of story:

After the battle of Troy, which the Greeks won, King Odysseus and his men set sail for home on the island of Ithaca, which should have taken them about a month. However it took them 10 years because of the adventures they had on the voyage!

After Odysseus and his men had been at sea for a while, their supplies began to run out. Odysseus and some of his men landed on a nearby shore to look for food. They took some wine with them to barter for food. They found a cave, full of sheep and milk & cheese (made from the sheep’s milk)! There was no-one there, so they had a good meal of cheese and milk while they waited. Unfortunately, the sheep & food belonged to a Cyclops called Polyphemos. A Cyclops is a one-eyed giant!

When the Cyclops returned to his cave, he was very cross. He ate a couple of Odysseus’ men. He then closed the cave entrance using a huge rock, so Odysseus and his men could not get away.

Using trickery, Odysseus managed to get Polythemos drunk on the wine they brought from the ship and was then able to sharpen a large stick and blind the Cyclops. He asked Odysseus his name and Odysseus said he was ‘Nobody’. The Cyclops tried to find Odysseus and his men, to eat more of them, but could only feel the sheep’s backs. Odysseus and his men had tied themselves underneath the sheep and got away when Polythemos let the animals out of the cave the next day to graze.

Polythemus was furious, but when the other Cyclops asked who had caused the problem, he replied, ‘It was Nobody!’ So the other Cyclops were cross too and refused to listen to his complaints.