

Lysistrata

1. Why do the women in *Lysistrata* call a sex strike?
2. In the Greek stage productions of *Lysistrata*, the men wore costumes that included huge leather phalluses. Why would that have been funny to a Greek audience?
3. *Lysistrata* includes a great deal of bawdy humor and many jokes that would have been particularly funny to a Greek audience. Give two instances (a & b) of jokes you "got" because of what you know now about Greek culture, but would not be funny to most people today. Give two instances (c & d) of jokes that would be just as funny today as they were in Aristophanes' time.
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
4. *Lysistrata* includes two choruses. Who are they (a & b), and how do they interact (c) ?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
5. The scene between Myrrhene and her husband Kinesias is representative of the plight faced by all of the men in Athens. From what does the humor arise? (That is, what comic techniques do you recognize?)