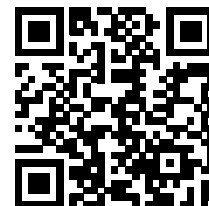


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Medieval Mystery Plays



Mystery plays, a unique form of _____ from the Middle Ages, were a vital part of _____ culture. They were not called "mystery" because of their content, but because the word derives from the Latin "ministerium," meaning _____. These plays were usually organized and performed by various _____, groups of tradesmen and craftsmen in a town. Each guild would be responsible for one _____ in a series, depicting various stories from the _____. The plays were performed in a sequence, often during important _____ festivals such as _____ Christi. The content of these plays was straightforward, designed to educate a largely _____ population about the Bible. They combined serious religious _____ with everyday _____, humor, and sometimes even slapstick comedy. This made them accessible and engaging for the _____. Mystery plays were performed on _____ wagons, which were mobile stages that moved from place to place within a town, allowing different _____ to watch the performances. The _____ in these plays were usually amateur performers from the local _____. Costumes and props were often simple but effective, adding visual interest to the performances. Music and _____ were also a significant part of mystery plays, enhancing the overall experience. These plays were not just _____; they were a powerful tool for teaching _____ values and stories to a wide audience. Through mystery plays, medieval people could witness the stories of the Bible come to life in a way that was both educational and _____.

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