

Dramatic Masks

Actors in dramatic competitions in ancient Greece would wear masks that represented the different characters and emotions that they were trying to portray. The tragedy (frowning) and comedy (smiling) masks of ancient Greece have become well-known symbols for the theater. Dionysus, the god of theater, is often shown with masks around him. In the Villa of Mysteries Room at the Kelsey, you can see one of his satyr followers holding one up!



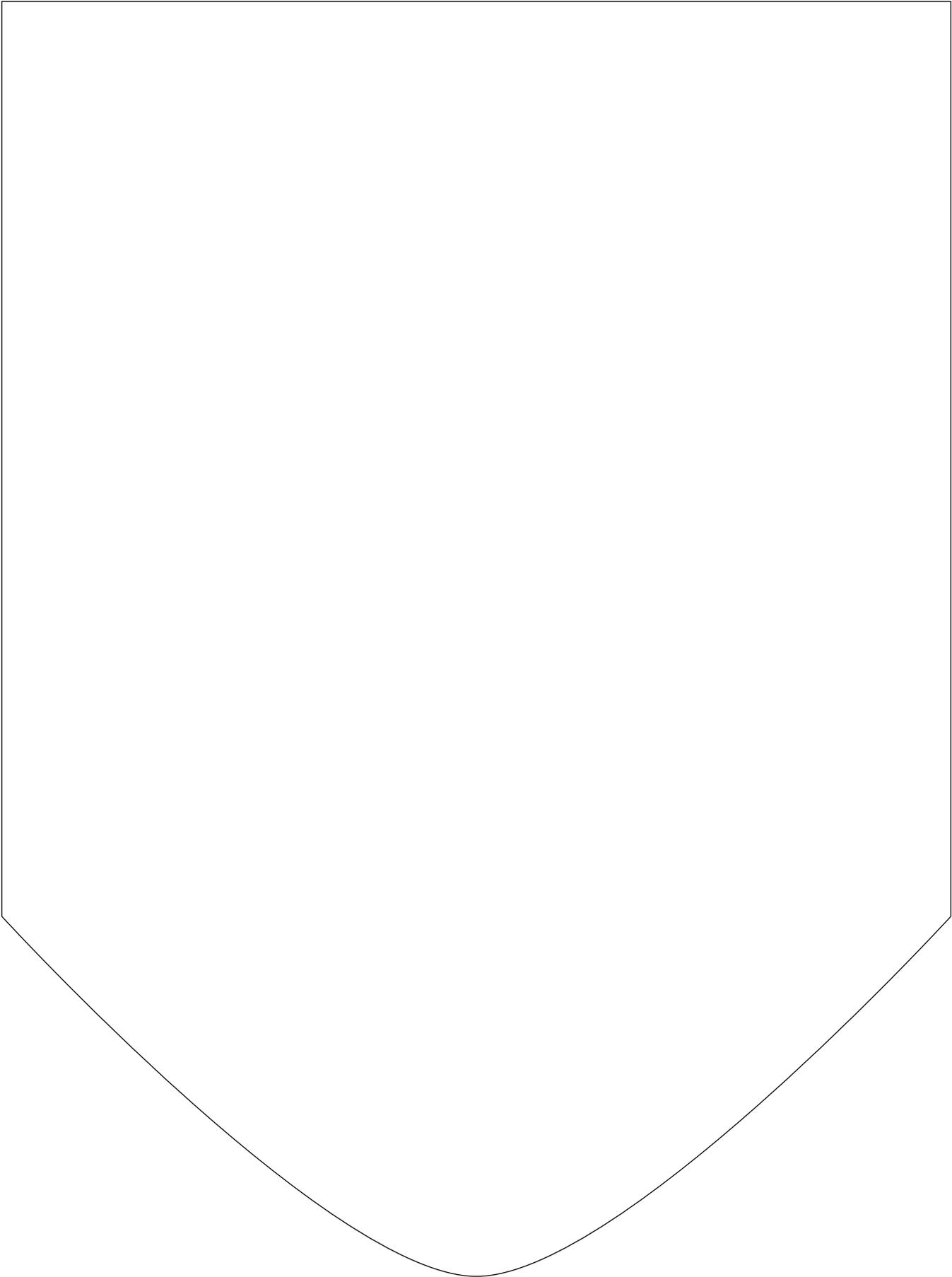
Make your own masks for the #KelseyOlympics Dramatic Competition!

What you will need:

- Printouts of mask bases
- Scissors
- Pencils, markers, or crayons
- Scrap paper
- Glue stick
- String or yarn

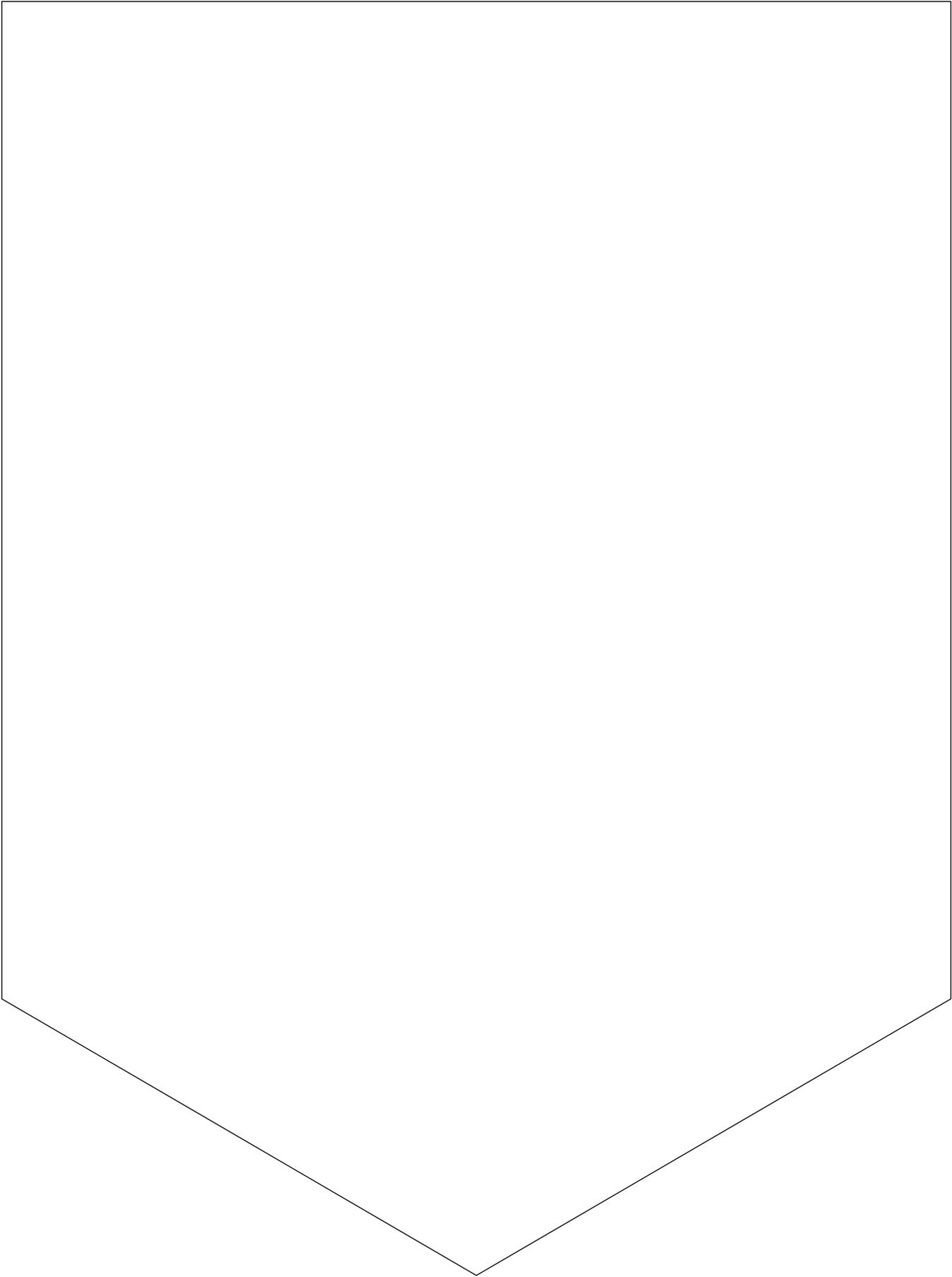
Instructions:

1. Choose your face shape: round chin or pointed chin.
2. Draw eyes and a mouth on your mask and cut out the shapes.
3. Draw eyebrows, moles, and whatever other features you want on your face.
4. Want to add hair or a beard? Cut scrap paper into half-inch strips and glue to the forehead or chin of your mask. You can curl the paper around a pencil to make it curly.
5. Cut two small holes in the side of your mask and thread string through them.
6. Tie on your mask!



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