

Facts About Euripides

- Euripides was born in Athens, Greece around 485 B.C.
- He wrote 90 plays, 19 of which are extant
- He died in Macedonia, Greece in 406 B.C.
- He likely came from a prosperous family
- He reportedly married a woman named Melito and had three sons
- He was the last and potentially most influential of the three major Greek dramatists
- He first entered in a dramatic festival in 455
- He won the festival four separate times with his first victory being in 441
- He owned a large personal library
- He left Athens in 408 because he was invited to Macedonia by the Macedonian king
- He was best known for taking a new approach to traditional myths
- He commonly dwelled on the darker side of existence
- He frequently used deus ex machina
- He is also well known for strong female characters
- He was so popular that he was parodied in other playwrights work such as Aristophanes
- He created the love-drama
- It has been noted that he often sacrificed plot for character which is why he frequently made use of the deus ex machina

- He was ahead of his time in his characterization which could be why he was less popular at the time
- He was awarded first prize posthumously for the Bacchae
- He frequently makes use of a prologue and epilogue
- He began to eliminate the chorus from the dramatic action