

TRAGEDY & COMEDY





TRAGEDY

- begins in chaos and ends with the restoration of order (often symbolized by the death of the hero)
- drama that relates the fall of an <u>individual</u> of high status as a result of the protagonist's tragic flaw
- <u>celebrates</u> courage and dignity of the human spirit as the hero faces inevitable doom <u>alone</u>

COMEDY

- begins in chaos and ends with the restoration of order (often symbolized by the marriage of the central characters)
- drama that humorously examines the spectacle of <u>collective</u> human weakness and failure
- <u>mocks</u> a <u>group of people</u> in their human state, restrained and often made ridiculous by their limitations, faults, bodily functions, and animal nature

TRAGEDY versus **COMEDY**



