

The Theater at Pompeii

Read pages 81–84 in your textbook and answer the following:

- 1 When were plays performed in Pompeii?
- 2 What three types of people went to plays?
- 3 What three things might they take with them to the theater?
- 4 Who did not have to hurry to the plays? Why not?
- 5 Where were latecomers seated?
- 6 How many people could the large open-air theater hold?
- 7 What was the Odeon?
- 8 Identify:
 - a) the *cavea*
 - b) the *orchēstra*
 - c) the *scaena*
 - d) the *scaenae frōns*
- 9 What was the admission charge to the theater?
- 10 Who paid the theatrical production expenses? For what two reasons did he do this?
- 11 List three possible sources of relief from the heat of the sun.
- 12 What was the pantomime?
- 13 What performers did it require?
- 14 Who were the actors of the community?
- 15 What were farces?
- 16 When were they usually performed?
- 17 How did the audience recognize the characters?
- 18 What were these things made of?
- 19 Name two famous writers of Roman comedies.