

Masters of MIME

As we watch these Youtube videos, fill in the following questions Name _____

MARCEL MARCEAU - *Sketch*

-Marcel Marceau (22 March 1923 – 22 September 2007) was an internationally acclaimed French actor and mime most famous for his stage persona as "Bip the Clown"

-He referred to mime as the "*art of silence*"

-He was friends with Michael Jackson for nearly 20 years, and Jackson said he would use some of Marceau's techniques in his own dance steps



1. What **emotions** did you see in the video? **How** are these shown? (3 marks)

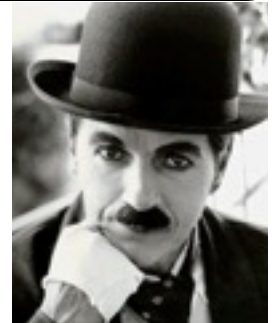
2. Why do you think Marceau chose to wear the **face makeup**? Explain your reasoning (3 marks)

CHARLIE CHAPLIN - *The Lion's Cage*

-Sir Charles Spencer "Charlie" Chaplin (16 April 1889 – 25 December 1977) was an English comic actor and filmmaker who rose to fame in the silent era.

- Chaplin became a worldwide icon through his screen persona "the Tramp" and is considered one of the most important figures of the film industry

- A real lion was used for this film!!



1. **Conflict is key** - list 2 things that "go wrong" to add an element of COMEDY to this film (2 marks)

2. How are **words** shown in this film? Why do you think they used this technique in silent films? (2 marks)

3. Google Chaplin's biography and record **3 important/interesting facts about his life**. (3 marks)

HAMPTON WILLIAMS - *Exorcist Style from SYTYCD*

-He auditioned for the Season 9 show and managed to make all of the judges cry during Vegas Week

-The definition of MIME is *“the theatrical technique of suggesting action, character, or emotion without words, using only gesture, expression, and movement.”* As you watch - think about - is this considered MIME?



1. In your opinion, does the mixing of **MIME techniques and dance** work? (2 marks)
2. On a scale of 1-10, how much did his performance affect you **emotionally** and why? (2 marks)
(1= not at all / 10 = a lot)

A LOOK AT THE ART OF MIME

1. MIMING is often done as part of street performances (not on stage). Why do you think this is? (2 marks)
2. Mimes are often associated with white faces, but also tight black clothing. Why do you think their clothing is often so fitted? (1 mark)
3. Research “MIME” and/or “PANTOMIME” and record three interesting new facts you learned (3 marks)

