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Old Comedy ca. 480 – 400 BCE Extravagant buriesque employing gods and heroes Vilification of public or political targets Sexual and scatological innuendo Practitioners: Aristophanes and many others	
• Middle Comedy ca. 400-350	
- Like Old Comedy but with more general targets	
• New Comedy ca. 350-260	
 Use of stock characters; comedic love 	
 Lampoons contemporary morality, everyday man 	
 Practitioners: Menander; Plautus and Terence 	
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