English 102 Theatre Worksheet Due next class Worth 20 points

1) In your own words why is something funny? Why is something tragic?

2) What was the difference between comedy and tragedy for ancient Greeks?

 For help research on google.

3) What does it mean to be “witty”? Who is a witty person in our popular culture?

4) Look up the definition of “catharsis”—why would an experience of catharsis be important for audiences?

5) What is comedy? What is satire? What’s the difference? Provide an example of each.

6) Consider the history of the U.S., what is the most tragic event and the event most worthy of satire?

7) Who is the funniest person alive? Why do you think so?