

Oedipus the King By Sophocles.

Critical Reading

Respond: What do you think is Oedipus' most admirable character trait? What is his worst character trait?

2. (a) Recall: As the play opens, what disaster has struck Thebes?

(b) Infer: In the opening scene, what does Oedipus' response to this disaster suggest about him as a ruler?

3.(a) Recall: What physical ailment afflicts Teiresias?

(b) Classify: Which details in Teiresias' speech in lines 460—486 refer to darkness, vision, and insight?

4. (a) Recall: Of what does Oedipus accuse Creon in the scene beginning at line 576?

(b) Assess: How convincing is Creon's argument about his own motives in lines 654—691? Explain.

5. (a) Recall: In lines 784—807, what reasons does Jocasta give for not having faith in prophecy?