

Home-work exercise due Wednesday, May 1 → 2 parts

Text: *Oedipus Rex*

Length: 2-4 paragraphs

- A. What were your initial thoughts about the character of Oedipus? Did your thoughts about him change as you read through the play?
- B. What are the symptoms of the plague in Thebes? How are they appropriate to the crime?
- C. Dramatic irony is a relationship of contrast between a character's limited understanding of his or her situation in some particular moment of the unfolding action and what the audience, at the same instant, understands the character's situation actually to be." Where do we see dramatic irony in this drama? What seems to be the intended effect of irony in *Oedipus*?
- D. What is the narrative function of the 1st scene between Oedipus and Kreon? What do we learn about each from the scene?

Required of everyone:

Select the passage that had the most impact on you. List character(s) involved, scene number, page number and line numbers. Write a 1 paragraph summary explaining your choice of passage.