

English 102: Introduction to Literature
Study Questions for *Oedipus Rex*

1. Discuss the role of fate and free will as addressed in *Oedipus Rex*. In other words, is Oedipus always determined by his fate or are there particular instances where he could have prevented his tragic downfall?
2. Is the punishment meted out to Oedipus fair? Why or why not?
3. Are there any places where Jocasta acts towards Oedipus in a way which could be interpreted as maternal?
4. How is dramatic irony used in *Oedipus Rex*? Provide some instances of dramatic irony in the play.
5. Analyze the metaphors of sight and blindness in this play.