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Classwork and Homework for Wednesday, September 28, 2016

List again the five characteristics of a tragic hero:

4. List all possible reasons for Oedipus’s downfall:
6. Now, look at the above list and CIRCLE the CHIEF reason for Oedipus’s downfall.
7. **Answer the following questions:**
8. Opinion: Is Oedipus’s fate worse than he deserves? Circle: YES or NO
9. In the chart below, list two quotes from the play that you could use to support your opinion.
10. Beside each quote, give a reason why you believe the quote supports your opinion.

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| Two quotes that give evidence that Oedipus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ deserve his fate: | Your words that explain why these quotes support your opinion that Oedipus \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_deserve his fate |
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1. You next task is to explain the metaphorical meaning of the play.
2. To do so, figure out what each of the following events/actions/circumstances might symbolize:
3. the most unfortunate prophecy that is bestowed upon Oedipus by the gods
4. Jocasta and Laius’s efforts to escape the fulfillment of the prophecy
5. Oedipus’s effort to escape the fulfillment of the prophecy, once he hears about it
6. the prophecy coming true, despite so many efforts to avoid it
7. Oedipus’s belief for so long that he would never do anything to bring harm to his city, his family, or himself
8. Oedipus being so drastically affected by fate—those circumstances beyond his control
9. Oedipus being so drastically affected by the choices he makes of his own free will
10. **Now, you are to write about the play.**

**HONORS students:**

Complete the following two assignments:

1. Choose one of the following questions, and respond to it in a page and a half essay:

Choice one: What are the greater causes of Oedipus’s disastrous fall—his

fate or his free will?

Choice two: What is the metaphorical meaning of the play?

1. Write a page and a half essay in response to the prompt in the packet about “Passage 3.”

**ACADEMIC students:**

Choose one of the following questions, and respond to it in a page and a half essay:

Choice one: What are the greater causes of Oedipus’s disastrous fall—his

fate or his free will?

Choice two: What is the metaphorical meaning of the play?