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Sphinx Oedipus solved its riddle.

Reason why the people of Thebes did not seek who murdered their former king, Laius.

Laius Oedipus' father.

Was murdered at Phocis (place where three highways meet) by Oedipus.

Oedipus

Became king and married Jocasta.

People of Thebes came to him because he solved the riddle of the sphinx and they felt he would be able to end their suffering.

Said that if you knew the murderer or were the murderer come to him and you would not be killed only exiled.

When Teiresias refused to answer Oedipus at first, Oedipus accused him of being in a plot to kill Laius and when the truth is finally revealed, he accuses him of working with Creon to help him overthrow Oedipus.

Fled Corinth (where he grew up) because the oracle told him he would marry his mother & kill his father.

He was found at Mount Cithaeron with his ankles pinned.

His name means swollen foot.

Teirisias

Knew all along Oedipus was the murderer

Refused to say who the murderer was to Oedipus in the beginning because he felt it was better that only he knew.

Finally revealed the truth after Oedipus ridicules him.

Creon

Oedipus' ~~bro~~ Uncle & bro in law

Returned from Apollo's oracle to report that to end the suffering Thebes must either exile or murder/kill the murder of

Laius, who is in Thebes.

Was accused of trying to overthrow Oedipus from his throne

Defense to accusation was he had all the power without the

stress

Oedipus Review

Use "The Story of Oedipus," the text of the play, and your study guide to answer the following review questions in complete sentences.

1. What is the name of the monster who was plaguing the city of Thebes and what did the monster look like? *The monster that is accosting Thebes is the sphinx who is a winged monster.*
2. Who saved the city from the monster? *Oedipus saved the city of Thebes by solving the riddle of the sphinx.*
3. What is wrong with the city of Thebes? *In Thebes, there is much death and plagues. Additionally, crops are not growing. "Thebes is tossed on a murdering sea and cannot lift her head from the death surge." (lines 26-27)*
4. Who does Oedipus send to the oracle? *Oedipus has sent Creon, his brother-in-law, to the oracle to find a solution.*
5. Where is the oracle? *The oracle is located at Delphi.*
6. When this person returns, what does he tell Oedipus is the cause of the current trouble in Thebes? *Creon tells Oedipus that Apollo demands the citizens to, "expel an old defilement we are sheltering." (lines 99-100). The murderer of King Laius is still among them.*
7. Who has been killed in Thebes? *King Laius, the ruler before Oedipus, was killed in Thebes.*
8. Who is the actual killer, but does not yet know it? *Oedipus actually killed Laius in a highway brawl.*
9. What does Oedipus pledge to do for the city of Thebes? *Oedipus pledges to avenge the dead king and find the murderer.*
10. How is this an example of dramatic irony? *Oedipus' declaration is dramatic irony because the audience knows Oedipus is declaring war and death to himself.*