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Oedipus the King – Group Activity

2pts

1. How did you react to the ending of the play? Discuss your impressions with your group and write down a detailed reaction to the end of the play.

1pt

2. Whom does Oedipus hold in his arms before going into exile?

1pt

3. Who becomes the ruler of Thebes at the end of the play?

2pts

4. What questions do you still have about the play? Your group needs to come up with a legitimate question about the implications of the final act of the play.

2pts

5. Oedipus blinds himself and is filled with self hatred when he discovers his past. Does Oedipus deserve what happens to him, or is he a victim of fate? Give an example to support your group's opinion.

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6. How would you compare and contrast Oedipus and Tiresias?

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7. Identify one example of imagery from the play involving darkness, light, blindness, or sight. Make sure you cite the page number where you found the imagery.

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8. Throughout the play Sophocles makes mention of sight and seeing, and being blind physically and to the truth. Discuss with your group the role that sight plays in the play. What might sight symbolize? Explain your answer.

4pts

9. We know that Oedipus scratches out his eyes once he realizes the truth of what he has done. But how does Oedipus deal with his fate once he gets past the initial pain of what has happened? Explain how Oedipus deals with his fate. Use specific examples to support your point.

4pts

10. How much control do you think people actually have over their lives? Explore this question with the group. Write down the different points of view. Identify what each person had to say about this question.