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Oedipus Rex Introductory Exercise

Directions: Find a partner and read *Oedipus Rex*, pages 1-10. Find the following:

- **3 Examples (direct quotes with page numbers) of figurative language**

metaphor: a comparison between unlike things NOT using “like” or “as”

The train breathed fire into the sky and flew along the mountainside.

simile: a comparison between unlike things using “like” or “as”

Life is like a box of chocolates...

Example #1:

Example #2:

Example: #3:

- **2 Examples (direct quotes with page numbers) of Oedipus as “the virtuous hero.”**

virtuous hero: a hero who embodies a culture’s ideals; a character in ancient Greek literature who is above men but below gods

Example #1:

Example #2:

- **1 Example (direct quotes with page number) of dramatic irony**

dramatic irony: a literary technique in which the audience's knowledge of the plot is greater than the characters'

Example #1:

Critical Thinking Question: How does dramatic irony build tension? How does it draw the audience into the drama?