**Oedipus Rex Question(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. **Prologue and Parodos**
2. Describe the effects of the plague that has struck Thebes.
3. What message about the plague does Creon bring? Where did he get the message?
4. What do people think of Oedipus?
5. **Ode of Entry & Episode I**
6. How is Oedipus’ opening speech **ironic**?
7. Why do Oedipus and Teiresias' quarrel?
8. Why doesn’t Oedipus recognize the truth when he hears it?
9. How does the Chorus react to Teiresias’s accusations?
10. **Second Choral Ode & Episode II**
11. Who stops the quarrel between Oedipus and Creon?
12. Why does Iocaste tell Oedipus about her baby? What detail of her story catches Oedipus’ attention? What does he begin to suspect?
13. Whom do Oedipus and Iocaste send for?
14. What does Iocaste say about oracles? How does the Chorus react to her words?
15. **Third Choral Ode & Episode III**
16. Who is the Messenger, and what has he come to tell Oedipus?
17. What connection does the Messenger have with Oedipus’ past? Why does he reveal it now?
18. Why does Iocaste suddenly beg Oedipus to forget al this and stop asking questions?
19. How do Oedipus and the Chorus react to the questions about who Oedipus really is?
20. **Fourth Choral Ode & Episode IV**
21. The Shepherd, who was the sole survivor of Laios travelling group, turns out to be the same man who did **what** in earlier times?
22. What does the Shepherd finally reveal? Why is he so reluctant to say it?
23. How do Oedipus and the Chorus react to these **revelations**?
24. **Fifth Choral Ode & Epilogue**
25. How do we learn about Iocaste’s death and Oedipus’ self-punishment? Why do you think Sophocles used this method?
26. What do Iocaste and Oedipus say is responsible for his actions?
27. What 3-4 requests does Oedipus make to Creon?
28. What **moral** does the Chorus see in all this?