

10th Grade Summer Assignment

Greek society debated the idea of a cosmic order, a universe guided by a divine intelligence, and rationality that governs the universe. In a five paragraph essay, examine Oedipus the King, evaluating the view of cosmic order held by Sophocles and the characters in the play.

The body paragraphs of your essay should answer the following three questions, supported by textual evidence.

- Do the gods seem tyrannical, benevolent, just, cruel, or indifferent or combination of those approaches?
- Does the play reflect reverence or irreverence toward the gods?
- When you finish reading the play, what do you believe Sophocles' view of cosmic order is? In conclusion, provide your view of the cosmic order. Is the universe guided by a divine intelligence, or are randomness and chaos the guiding forces of the universe?

You will turn the assignment in on Turnitin.com, so any form of plagiarism will be flagged and will result in disciplinary action. The teachers want to know your thoughts and assess your writing ability.

This assignment will be used as an assessment tool, so we are primarily concerned about your ability and willingness to express and thoroughly develop your ideas and conclusions about the work.

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Enrollment Key: Oedipus

Note: Oedipus The King is part of the book bundle. The translation in the book bundle is by Paul Roche. If you did not purchase the book bundle, you can use any online version of the text such as: <http://classics.mit.edu/Sophocles/oedipus.html> We just need you to have a clear understanding of the sequence of events that unfold in the play. When you are quoting from the play, please put the selected passage inside of quotation marks and use parenthetical notation of author's name and page number at the end of the passage.

Example:

“And if you really think a brother-in-law can get away with murder, you're not thinking at all.” (*Sophocles 30*)