

## Vocabulary - *Oedipus Rex*

<b>PROLOGUE</b>		
scion	n	a descendant
bough	n	a branch of a tree, especially one of the larger or main branches
elegaic	adj	expressing sorrow or lamentation
presbyter	n	an office bearer who exercised teaching, priestly, and administrative functions
effulgent	adj	shining forth brilliantly; radiant
chaplet	n	a wreath or garland for the head
enjoin	v	to prescribe (a course of action) with authority or emphasis
brigand	n	a bandit, especially one of a band of robbers in mountain or forest regions
<b>ODE OF ENTRY</b>		
paean	n	a hymn of invocation or thanksgiving to Apollo or some other ancient Greek deity
strophe	n	the part of an ancient Greek choral ode sung by the chorus when moving from right to left
antistrophe	n	the part of an ancient Greek choral ode answering a previous strophe, sung by the chorus when returning from left to right
tremulous	adj	timid; timorous; fearful
dirge	n	funeral song or tune, or one expressing mourning in commemoration of the dead
aureate	adj	brilliant; splendid
xanthic	adj	of or pertaining to a yellow or yellowish color
<b>FIRST EPISODE</b>		
succor	n	help; relief; aid; assistance
progeny	n	a descendant or offspring, as a child, plant, or animal
brazen	adj	shameless or impudent: brazen presumption
didactic	adj	intended for instruction; instructive
pontiff	n	any high or chief priest
purblind	adj	slow or deficient in understanding, imagination, or vision
gibe	n	to utter mocking or scoffing words; jeer
suborn	v	to bribe or induce someone unlawfully or secretly to perform some misdeed
myrmidon	n	a person who executes without question or scruple a master's commands
scud	v	to run or move quickly or hurriedly
perdition	n	utter destruction or ruin

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<b>SECOND CHORAL ODE/EPISODE</b>		
incarnadine	adj	blood-red; crimson
caparison	v	to dress richly; deck
coruscate	v	to emit vivid flashes of light; sparkle; scintillate; gleam
mantic	adj	of or pertaining to divination
augury	n	an omen, token, or indication
calumny	n	a false and malicious statement designed to injure the reputation of someone
malevolence	n	the quality, state, or feeling of being malevolent; ill will; malice; hatred
adamant	adj	utterly unyielding in attitude or opinion in spite of all appeals, urgings, etc.
compunction	n	a feeling of uneasiness or anxiety of the conscience caused by regret for doing wrong or causing pain; contrition; remorse.
insensate	adj	without human feeling or sensitivity; cold; cruel; brutal
recompense	n	a remuneration or reward, as for services, aid, or the like.
ferment	n	agitation; unrest; excitement; commotion; tumult
<b>THIRD CHORAL ODE/EPISODE</b>		
impiety	adj	lack of dutifulness or respect
brash	adj	impertinent; impudent; tactless
wantonness	n	having acted without regard for what is right, just, humane, etc.
rampant	adj	in full sway; prevailing or unchecked
scruple	n	a moral or ethical consideration or standard that acts as a restraining force or inhibits certain actions.
bridle	v	to draw up the head and draw in the chin, as in disdain or resentment
<b>FOURTH CHORAL ODE</b>		
sapient	adj	having or showing great wisdom or sound judgment
infamy	n	extremely bad reputation, public reproach, or strong condemnation as the result of a shameful, criminal, or outrageous act
<b>EPILOGUE (FIFTH EPISODE)</b>		
pang	n	a sudden feeling of mental or emotional distress or longing
pariah	n	an outcast
putrescence	n	becoming rotten; undergoing corruption or depravity
clemency	n	an act or deed showing mercy or leniency
replete	adj	abundantly supplied or provided; filled