

Electra complex refers to a psychoanalytic concept that describes a daughter's sense of rivalry with her mother. Sigmund Freud believed that human personalities form in early childhood. In forming a discrete sexual identity (ego), a girl's decisive psychosexual experience is the Electra complex: daughter–mother competition for possession of the father. The Electra complex is a female version of the Oedipus complex, and its name also originates from the Greek mythological story. In psychoanalysis, a daughter's fond relationship with the father creates conflict and rivalry with the mother subconsciously. In Sophocles' play, Electra and her brother plot the murder of their mother to avenge their father's death. He argued that personality development depends upon the ability and manner in which a child deals with inner drives for pleasure.