

Oedipus The King, Questions and answers 1–What is the main message of Oedipus the King?To make sure that the prophecy wouldn't come true, Laius ordered that the infant Oedipus be left on a mountainside with his feet pierced.... If we accept the Aristotelian views of good and bad, as expressed in The Good, Oedipus was indeed a good man by saving the city, ruling justly and searching for the truth although his anger could be seen as a flaw.It also symbolizes the way his movements have been confined and constrained since birth, by Apollo's prophecy to Laius.Later, he wins the throne of Thebes and unknowingly marries his mother, Jocasta, after answering the riddle of the Sphinx.The problem in Oedipus Rex is the king's refusal to accept the truth which Tiresias brings him: Oedipus himself is the cause of the plague because he is the murderer of the previous king of Thebes.Traveling toward Thebes, Oedipus encountered Laius, who provoked a quarrel in which Oedipus killed him.His dynamic and multifaceted character emotionally bonds the audience; his tragic flaw forces the audience to fear for him, without losing any respect; and his horrific punishment elicits a great sense of pity from the audience.The point of attack is when Creon returns from the Oracle at Delphi with the message that the source of the plague is the murder of the old king, Laius.He was metaphorically blind to the truth of his birth for much of his life; when Oedipus finally learned the truth, he physically blinded himself by poking out his eyes with the long gold pins from his dead wife's brooches.However, it could be argued that Oedipus is a victim of his own actions when he murders Laius because he succumbs to his own hubris.Oedipus chooses stab out his eyes as a way of punishing himself for his hubris and ignorance 8– Is Oedipus a tragic hero?A shepherd rescues Oedipus and brings him to the king of Corinth, who raises Oedipus.His characteristics and arrogance are factors that cause his downfall and the realization of his truth.Oedipus then defeats the Sphinx by solving a mysterious riddle to become king.Oedipus came to power by killing the previous king, To prevent the prophecy, which makes him a tyrannical ruler.Oedipus' most famous character trait is also his tragic flaw: hubris, or excessive pride.The main idea of Oedipus the King by Sophocles is that one cannot defy the gods without suffering severe consequences.In Oedipus Rex, Oedipus blames the god Apollo for his fate, though he says that he alone is responsible for his reaction in blinding himself, which he does not regret 5– Is Oedipus good or bad?Oedipus fulfills the three parameters that define the tragic hero.The main conflict is when Tiresias tells Oedipus that he is responsible for the plague, and Oedipus refuses to believe Tiresias.When Oedipus is born, Laius ties his hands and feet and leaves him on a mountainside to die.That is the moment that Jocasta realizes that Oedipus is her son and the murderer of King Laius.Tiresias tells Oedipus to learn the truth about his parents and then forecasts Oedipus' downfall 15–How did Oedipus become blind?In the end, when all is brought to light, he blinds himself, so he finishes the play literally as blind as he figuratively was throughout.The play is about Oedipus, the king of Thebes, who inadvertently kills his father and ends up marrying his mother.Oedipus's injury symbolizes the way in which fate has marked him and set him apart.He kills Laius in a scuffle at a crossroads, not knowing he's his real father.Eurydice 17– Is Oedipus to be blamed?While the gods and fate have a part in the prophecy of Oedipus growing up to kill his father and marry his mother, Oedipus is ultimately the blame.Two other key figures in the tragedy are Oedipus's parents, Jocasta—who later becomes his wife—and Laius 19– Is Oedipus victim of fate or his own actions?Oedipus shows both traits of a hero and that of a villain.To the people of Thebes, he begins

the play as a hero, although his underlying crimes and the decisions he made to do so cause him to behave like a villain. Many scholars point out that Oedipus' greatest act of hubris is when he tries to deny his fate. The Oracle of Delphi told him long ago that he was destined to kill his father and sleep with his mother.... Ironically, it was this action that led him to kill his real father Laius and to marry his mother Jocasta. He marries the widow queen Jocasta not knowing she is his mother. Oedipus's feet were pierced on the orders of his birth father, Laius. 25–Why does Oedipus ignore Jocasta's final desperate warnings? Even when the terrible truth is revealed, he remains in denial 2–What is the problem in Oedipus the King? 6–What does Oedipus symbolize? 9–What is the conflict between Oedipus and Tiresias? 12–Why does Jocasta tell Oedipus about her baby?... The child was from the palace of Laius and he was told to get rid of it by Jocasta. 18–Who is most responsible for Oedipus downfall? The character who bears the greatest responsibility for his tragic fall is Oedipus himself. His overweening pride, or hubris, kept him from taking the valuable advice that was offered to him. Oedipus is a victim of fate in Oedipus Rex because it would have been impossible for him to avoid the destiny predetermined for him by the gods. 20– Is Oedipus a hero or a villain? 21–What is Oedipus's hubris? 22 –Is Oedipus a king or a tyrant?