

Read *Oedipus the King*, from “Teiresias, you who understand all things” through “He will be enough” (lines 355–453).

1. According to Oedipus, what can Teiresias see? What can't he see? How does this shape your understanding of what it means to be a “seer” (line 360)?
2. Reread Oedipus's vow from “but now I possess the ruling power” through “the man who spilled his blood” (lines 301–312). How does Oedipus's tone in this oath compare to his tone when speaking to Teiresias? What might this suggest about how Oedipus understands his relationship to Teiresias? Use evidence from both passages to support your response.
3. What words and phrases in Teiresias's speech can help you to make meaning of his exclamation “Alas, alas!”
4. How does Teiresias feel about his knowledge regarding who killed Laius? How does this compare to the attitude Oedipus expresses about this knowledge when he greets the seer? Use evidence from the text to support your response.

5. What act does Oedipus accuse Teiresias of playing a part in? What evidence does Oedipus call upon to support his accusation?

6. What does Teiresias accuse Oedipus of? What evidence does Teiresias call upon to support his accusation?