

Oedipus Rex CBRT Script
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All: *Oedipus Rex!*

1: *Oedipus Rex* is a very well known

All: Greek tragedy! (Gesture and sound effect)

3: It is the first play of three plays (gesture)

2: a trilogy

3: written by Sophocles

5: Soph-o-who?

1-3 5-6: Sophocles! A famous Greek playwright! (Gesture)

6: The story begins in the city of Thebes

4. Where the citizens are being plagued by a deadly disease

2. They all have gathered in front of the palace to beg King Oedipus for his help (crowd gesture and sound effect)

3. Oedipus is a great king

1. Who helped save the city in the past from a Sphinx

5. a what?

1-3, 5-6: A Sphinx! (gesture)

1. A half a winged monster with the head of a woman and the body of a lion who kills all who fail to answer her riddle. (Sound effect)

4. Oedipus was the only one to solve the riddle.

5. So they made him king?

4. Yes.

6. So the people come to Oedipus knowing he had saved them once before and hoped he could do it again.

3. Oedipus informs them that he has sent his brother-in-law, Creon, to ask the oracle

1. Someone who can predict the future

3. How they can put an end to the plague.

2. Creon returns with a message:

4. To end the plague they must find the murder of Laius

1. The past king

6. Who was believed to be killed by a group of thieves outside of the city

5. Wow! This story is getting good!

1. Oedipus swears to find and prosecute this murder

2. However, what he finds out is that he himself is the murder! (Sound effect)

5. He is the murder! No way!

ALL: way!

4. Oedipus discovers that his father abandoned him as a child because he was destined to kill him.

3. Oedipus, however, was saved by a Shepard and adopted by another family

6. But, Alas! (gesture) He ran into his real father in his travels and killed him

1. Making the prophecy come true

3. He then came to Thebes

4. Married his mother

5. Yuck! (Gesture)

2. And became King

1. In the end he was so distraught when he heard the truth that he cut his eyes out. (sound effect)

6. He then left Thebes forever to wonder the world blind

5. Ah, this story is sad.

4. that is because it is

All: A Greek Tragedy! (gesture)