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**DIRECTIONS:** Read, annotate, and then answer the questions that follow the passage. Your annotations should take notice of diction, imagery, figurative language, syntax, details, and anything else you happen to see in the passage. Remember, more is more!

Oedipus:

You pray to the gods? Let me grant your prayers,  
Come, listen to me -- do what the plague demands:  
you'll find relief and lift your head from the depths.  
I will speak to you now as a stranger to the story,  
a stranger to the crime. If I'd been present then,  
there would have been no mystery, no long hunt  
without a clue in hand. So now, counted  
a native Theban years after the murder,  
to all of Thebes I make this proclamation:  
if any one of you knows who murdered Laius,  
the son of Labdacus, I order him to reveal  
the whole truth to me. Nothing to fear,  
even if he must denounce himself,  
let him speak up  
and so escape the brunt of the charge --  
he will suffer no unbearable punishment,  
nothing worse than exile, totally unharmed.