

*Oedipus expository essay*

DIRECTIONS: Choose one of the prompts below. Brainstorm your ideas and then use the graphic organizer to plan out your essay. You will need to plan for three body paragraphs.

What does Oedipus teach a reader about suffering?

Analyze 3 different characters' use of verbal irony.

Analyze the characterization of Jocasta or Creon.

Define and analyze the reasons that led to O's downfall.

Discuss O's proclivity for asking questions.

Use three characters from Oedipus to define the term *tragic*.

Discuss whether or not Oedipus is a sympathetic character.

BRAINSTORM HERE:

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER ON BACK

Topic for paragraph #1:

Evidence #1:

Evidence #2:

Topic for paragraph #2:

Evidence #1:

Evidence #2:

Topic for paragraph #3:

Evidence #1:

Evidence #2

Now try to write a thesis that captures everything you laid out above: