***Oedipus Rex***

by

Sophocles

**Literary Analysis Essay**

**Directions:** Like many Greek tragedies, ***Oedipus Rex*** contains **dramatic irony**; the audience already knows the ending. Review the events of the play thus far and determine if Oedipus was in control of his own destiny or if he was doomed from the beginning by Fate. Discuss the development of irony in the play. Finally, were there choices that he made or could have made to determine his own destiny? Support your thesis with evidence from the play.

* As with all essays, a wonderfully constructed introduction and conclusion are a must.
* Fully explain your ideas with specific examples from the play. Use quotations with line # (in-text citation)
* Fully realized conclusion that explains and details not only the thesis of the essay, but your personal ideas about fate based on what you read.