*Oedipus Rex Vocabulary*

1. Altar (p.1, n.)- a holy table at a place of worship

2. Supplication (p.2, n.)-the act of asking for something with a very humble request or prayer

3. Comprise (p.2, vb.)- to have something or someone as parts or members

4. Seer (p.2, n.)- a prophet (someone who sees the future/fortune teller)

5. Benevolent (p.2, adj.)- kind; helpful; generous

6. Lamenting (p.3, vb.)- expressing very sad feelings about something

7. Pestilence (p.3, n.)-any disease that spreads quickly and kills a lot of people

8. Purge (p.5, vb.)- to forcefully remove something that is considered impure or harmful

9. Placatory (p.7, adj.)- in an appeasing manner (to appease: soothe or calm down)

10. Catastrophe (p.8, n.)- a sudden event that makes many people suffer

11. Odious (p.9, adj.)-extremely unpleasant

12. Barren (p.10, adj.)-infertile

13. Effrontery (p.14, n.)-boldly/brazenly rude behavior, without any feeling of shame

14. Equivocation (p.14, n.)-behavior or speech that is unclear in order to avoid or hide the truth

15. Ire (p.14, n.)-anger

16. Vile (p.15, adj.)-extremely unpleasant/bad/disgusting

17. Charlatan (p.16, n.)-a person who claims to have knowledge or skills they do not really have

18. Berate (p.16, vb.)-to criticize or speak angrily because one does not approve of an action

19. Besmirched (p.19, vb.)-to damage the opinion people have of something/someone

20. Privy "*to something"* (p.20, adj.)-allowed to know about something secret

21. Plying *"a trade"*(p.21; idiom)- doing one's work or business

22. Begrudge (p.22, vb.)-being unhappy that somebody has something because you think it is undeserved

23. Sacrilege (p.30, n.)-an act of treating a holy thing or place without respect

24. Malignant (p.30, adj.)-having/showing a strong desire to harm somebody (malevolent)

25. Despondent (p.40, adj.)-sad, without much hope; filled with despair

26. Feign (p.42, vb.)- to pretend to that you feel a particular way or that you are ill, tired, etc.

27. Repugnant (p.52, adj.)- causing strong dislike/revulsion