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Oedipus the King

Vocabulary Part 1

1. Suppliant- noun: One praying humbly for something; "a suppliant for her favors"
2. Lament- verb: To express grief for or about; mourn: *lament a death*
3. Blight- noun: Something that impairs growth, withers hopes and ambitions, or impedes progress and prosperity
4. Pestilence- noun: A pernicious, evil influence or agent
5. Thronged- adj: Filled with great numbers crowded together
6. Steadfast- adj: Fixed or unchanging; steady
7. Scourge- noun: A source of widespread dreadful affliction and devastation
8. Oracle- noun: An authoritative person who divines the future
9. Purge- verb: To free from impurities; purify
10. Atone- verb: To make amends, as for a sin or fault: *These crimes must be atoned for*
11. Tempest- noun: Furious agitation, commotion, or tumult; an uproar
12. Assuage- verb: To satisfy or appease
13. Travail- noun: Work, especially when arduous or involving painful effort
14. Entreaty- noun: An earnest request or petition; a plea
15. Clamor- noun: A loud sustained noise

16. Heed- verb: To pay attention to; listen to and consider
17. Begrudge- verb: 1. To envy the possession or enjoyment of: *She begrudged him his youth* 2. To give or expend with reluctance: *begrudged every penny spent*
18. Prophecy- noun: A prediction of the future, made under divine inspiration