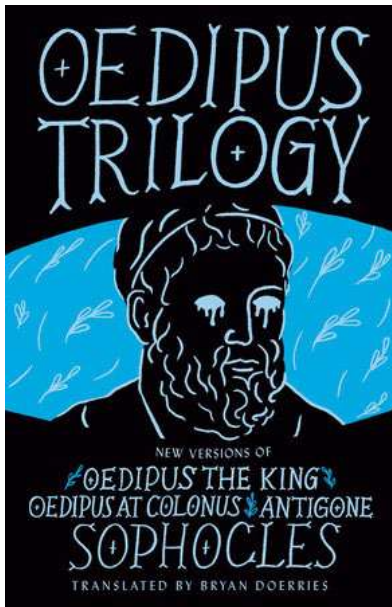


Literature & Film, Level 2 (W232432)

Oedipus the King, Sophocles

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For your summer reading, a 2-for-1 assignment! Please read the Greek play *Oedipus the King*, by Sophocles (the first play in this three-play trilogy—be sure to buy the translation pictured above) and watch the Steven Spielberg film *Minority Report* from 2002, available to rent or stream on multiple platforms.

Although one of these is an ancient Greek play and one of them a blockbuster Hollywood movie, these are both essentially detective stories. One of them tells the story of a king who, in the course of solving the mystery of a plague sweeping through his city (too soon?...) discovers that the cause of the plague is closer to home than he would have guessed. The other story tells of a futuristic detective who invents a system to stop crimes before they happen, but then has to figure out what to do when he becomes a target of his own invention.

Assignment: While reading/watching these stories, pay attention to the similarities you see between the two of them. In the inside cover of your book, write down a list of 5-10 connections you see between the two stories. Also, compose a brief answer to this question and write it inside your book: According to these two texts, in what way do the choices we make impact the outcomes of our lives?