**AP Literature and Composition**

**In-Class Essay on Oedipus Rex**

**Hubris** is defined as excessive personal pride. As Oedipus is about to learn the devastating truth of his origin and his destiny, the Chorus observes, “Audacity sires the tyrant...” In a well-written essay, argue whether or not hubris is the essential cause of Oedipus’s downfall. Consider discussing ways in which the **motif** of blindness underscores the **theme** of “pride going before a fall.”