



Motivations and Desires

Focus Dynamics and Complexities

Learning Intention Closely examine the text to develop knowledge of characters' motivations, the tensions in relationships, their traits and how these impact the plot

Success Criteria By the end of the lesson students have explored and analysed the dynamics of the text including characters' motivations and the tensions in relationships.

Activity Students complete the 'Character Dynamics' table providing details about each character, including their role, relationship to others, and key traits.

Traits – Identify what we learn about the personality of each of the characters. What is their role in the play? Words like -resolute, compassionate, tenacious, protagonist, antagonist, hero, pensive

Motivations - Identify and analyse the primary motivations driving each character's actions throughout the play. Words like – ambition, revenge, redemption, survival, love

Flaws - Identify the flaws or weaknesses inherent in each character and discuss how these flaws contribute to the unfolding of the tragedy. Words like - hubris, impulsiveness, indecision, arrogance, jealousy

Relationships - Identify the relationships between Oedipus, Jocasta, and Creon. Consider alliances, conflicts, and how these relationships evolve over the course of the play. Words like – alliance, conflict, loyalty, betrayal, dependency

NEXT Choose one character and find quotes from the text that support your ideas.

WRITE Write a paragraph about how the motivations, flaws, and relationships of that character impacts the overall plot development.

Character Dynamics



	Traits	Motivations	Flaws	Relationships
Oedipus				
Jocasta				
Creon				

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