

KEY TERMS :: OEDIPUS & THE MYTHS OF THEBES

scapegoat or *pharmakos*
Sigmund Freud

Claude Lévi-Strauss

Sophocles (497 BCE–405 BCE)

Ovid (3/20/63 BCE–17 CE)

Major Myths

1. Cadmus & the Spartoi
2. Zeus, Semele, & Dionysus
3. Zeus & Antiope
4. [Niobe]
5. Laius & Oedipus
6. 7 Against Thebes
7. Antigone & the burial of Polyneices
8. Epigonoï (against Thebes)
9. [The Life of Tiresias]

Key Characters

Cadmus

Spartoi ('sown men')

Harmonia {Harmonia' necklace}

Labdacus ("lame one")

Antiope

Dirce

Amphion

Niobe

Laius

Jocasta

Chrysippos (Pelops ➡ Chrysippos)

Oedipus ("swollen foot")

Sphinx

Polyneices & Eteocles

Antigone & Ismene

Adrastus of Argos

Important Places

Thebes

Corinth

Delphi

Sicyon

Argos

Athens (Colonus)

Kings of Thebes

Cadmus

Pentheus

Labdacus

Lycus

Zethus & Amphion

Laius

Oedipus

Eteocles

Creon

Laodamas

7 Against Thebes

Adrastus

Polyneices

Tydeus

Capaneus

Hippomedon

Parthenopaeus

Amphiaräus

Epigonoï

Adrastus ➡ Aegialeus

Polyneices ➡ Thersander

Tydeus ➡ Diomedes

Capaneus ➡ Sthenelus

Hippomedon ➡ Polydorus

Parthenopaeus ➡ Promachus

Amphiaräus ➡ Alcmaeon & Amphilochous

(Mecisteus ➡ Euryalus)

Families of Thebes

Ares + Aphrodite ➡ Harmonia

Cadmus + Harmonia ➡ Ino, Semele, Autoñoë and Agave

[Zeus + Semele ➡ Dionysus || Liber]

Zeus + Antiope ➡ Zethus & Amphion

[Amphion + Niobe ➡ 7 sons and 7 daughters]

[Echion (a Spartoi) + Agave ➡ Pentheus]

Labdacus ➡ Laius

Jocasta + Laius ➡ Oedipus

+ Oedipus ➡ Polyneices, Eteocles,
Ismene, Antigone

KEY: ||, equivalent name in Greek & Roman myth; ➡, "parent of"; in genealogies and lists, underlined are significant; *bold italicized* indicates authors read for this assignment; [] indicates myths or characters from previous lesson.