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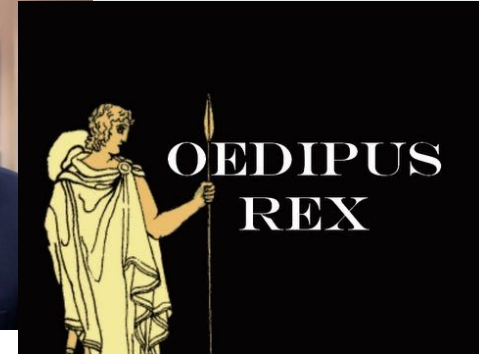


Hubris is..

- Excessive pride or arrogance that results in the downfall of the protagonist of a tragedy
- Hubris examples in Greek tragedies showing the downfalls of prideful characters.
- Greek mythology depicts hubris as a great crime that demands a severe punishment because that character would become so proud of his exceptional qualities that he forms a delusion that he is equal to the gods, and eventually he tries to defy the gods and his fate.



Examples of Hubris



In Paradise Lost, John Milton portrays Satan as a character that suffers from Hubris. He loses his glorious position through giving into his excessive pride. (Paradise Lost, John Milton)

Michael Scott suffers from Hubris in several occasions. In this occasion, he goes to a convention where people can speak their mind of what needs to change in the Dunder Mifflin Paper Company. While the people are sharing their honest opinions, Michael believes that he can save the company although he can't because the company is going bankrupt. (The Office, Writers of the Office)

Oedipus displays Hubris because he attempts to defy prophecies of the gods although he ended up doing what he feared the most, and what he was warned against. The Oracle of Delphi told him he would kill his father and marry his mother. (Oedipus Rex, Sophocles)



- Why is Hubris important to the story?
- Create a list of characters who have Hubris, how do they have it?
- Should we avoid hubris in storytelling?



Now You Try!

Create a very very very creative sentence using the word hubris and whoever has the best one gets a prize!



**Now try to act out a character that
has hubris! (Charades)**



How to remember!

Draw a Sword in your notebook to remember Hubris because it shows that these characters can't get past their pride and arrogance, and you know swords are hard to break!