

Oedipus Rex Terms

Apollo- Son of Zeus. Twin of Artemis. God of music, prophecy, colonization, medicine, archery, poetry, dance, intellectual inquiry, and herds and flocks. God of light, plague, and destroyer of rats and locusts. Religious healing. Many mortal lovers. Delphi was his oracle center (Leadbetter).

Ares- Son of Zeus and Hera. God of war and battle. He often fought on foot. He was fearless, merciless, and despised by all the other gods. He was the father of Harmonia (Lindemans).

Artemis- Daughter of Zeus and twin of Apollo. "Goddess of wilderness, the hunt and wild animals, and fertility" (Leadbetter). She sometimes had a crescent moon on her head and was called Selene. She was a virgin goddess who roamed the forest with her mythical followers. All her followers were also virgins.

Athena- "goddess of wisdom, war, the arts, industry, justice, and skill" (Tuccinardi). Born of Zeus' head fully formed, she was his favorite. Her mother was Zeus' first wife. Athens is named for her, as she won it with an olive tree. Possessed Aegis and attributed to the owl (Tuccinardi).

Delos- Island sanctuary of Apollo. Where Leto fled Hera to give birth to Apollo and Artemis (Cartwright).

Delphi- Home of the temple of Apollo and its Pythia (Haughton).

Dionysus- God of wine and intoxication (Lindemans). God of wine, merriment, and theatre. Born of Zeus' thigh (Cartwright).

Hades- Lord of the dead. His domain is also referred to as such. The deceased would ride on the River Styx with Charon. Families would leave coins in the mouths of the dead as payment for the ride. Charon took them to the gates guarded by Kerberos, a multi-headed dog who kept souls inside. Hades is not the equivalent of hell, as it is not solely bad. It is the final resting place. Three judges would determine the worthiness of the deceased based on their actions while they were alive. The good drank from River Lethe to forget all bad things and went to the Elysian Fields. The bad were given to the Furies and damned to Tartarus for punishment. The worst had to endure eternal torment (Cartwright).

Hoi polloi- Greek. The masses, the majority (OED).

Kadmus- Founder of Thebes. Consulted Oracle at Delphi. He followed a cow and where it rested is where he was to build his city. He sent his men to find supplies, but they found Ares' serpent and were killed. Cadmus battled the serpent and won, then heard a prophecy that he would later turn into a serpent. He was told to plant the serpent's teeth into the ground and armed men grew. They fought each other until five were left. Those five became the ancestors of Thebes. Cadmus served 8 years under Ares then married Harmonia, daughter of Ares and Aphrodite. After having 4 children, they moved to Illyria and became serpents (Hunter).

Pallas- One of the Titans. Athena is sometimes the daughter of Pallas. In this version, he tried to rape her and she killed him. His skin became Aegis, the shield of Athena and Zeus (Lindemans).

Phoebus- “epithet of Apollo” (Lindemans).

Pythia- Sanctuary priestess of Delphi. She was said to enter a trance-like state, in which she would speak Apollo’s word in frenzy. Recently, hallucinogenic gases have been discovered at the site. This may have aided the Pythia in her prophecy. Historians also believe she may have self induced her trance state, so that she could personalize her prophecy to her visitors (Haughton).

Sphinx- “demon of death and destruction and bad luck” (Lindemans). Female. Sat on a rock near Thebes. Gave the same riddle to all who tried to pass, only Oedipus succeeded. So devastated, she threw herself off the rock and died (Lindemans).

Zeus- Supreme ruler of Olympus. Originally a weather god. Protector of the king and his family to chief judge and peacemaker after democracy. “Zeus usurped the kingdom of the immortals from his father... [his father, Cronus] had been warned that one of his children would depose him” (Leadbetter). His wife saved Zeus by replacing him with a rock in his blankets. Older, Zeus returned to his father, forced him to vomit his 5 siblings, and overthrew/banished his father. He married his sister, Hera, but had many children outside of this marriage (Leadbetter).

Film Noir Terms- <https://miskatonic.org/slang.html>, OED, and www.dictionary.cambridge.org

Birdie secrets:

Cookie Fortune: hack fortune, like from a fortune cookie.

“The right steps? What cookie fortune is this?”

Cop to it: admit to it

“Cop to it. You stole the goods.”

Dog in the manger: someone who keeps something that they do not want in order to prevent someone else from getting it

Double ace of spades: holding the trump card

Double-dealing: working deceitfully to harm another

“Our man was double dealing with the enemy.”

Dutch: Trouble

“This city was in Dutch.”

Far afield: a long/longer distance away

Grease the wheels: make things run smoothly

“If you're having a hard time, I can grease the wheels.”

Johnny-come-lately: a person who starts a job or activity later than other people and sometimes uses the experience and knowledge of these people to obtain an advantage over them

“He got promoted early, that Johnny-come-lately.”

Kibosh: to spoil or destroy an idea or plan

“Who put the kibosh on him?”

Send up the river: go to prison

“He almost pulled off a heist, but now they sent him up the river.”

Shrinking violet: a person who is very shy or modest and does not like to attract attention

“Don’t be a shrinking violet!”

Stool pigeon: Informer

“Our stool pigeon can get us the information we need.”

Sing: Confess

“We hit him until he sang.”

Swami: Hindu religious teacher

Take a powder: Leave

Tin horn:

Toss gravy:

Two bit: \$0.25

“Kill”

Σκοτώνω Skotóno / Bump off

“Woman”

Γυναίκα Gynaíka / Dame/Broad

“Man”

Άνδρας Ándras / Lug

“Knife”

Μαχαίρι Machaíri / Chiv

“Death”

Θάνατος Thánatos / The big sleep

“Alcoholic”

Αλκοολικός Alkoolikós / Lush

“Go away”

Φύγε Fýge / Scram

“Money”

Χρήματα Chrímata / Cabbage

“Jail”

Φυλακή Fylakí / Birdcage

“Confess”

Ομολογώ Omologó / Sing

“Coward”

Δειλός Deilós / Lollipop

“Police”

Αστυνομία Astynomía / Copper

“Bribe”

Δωροδοκία Dorodokía / Grease