

## Acting on Emotions Possible Outline

- I. Intro
- II. Acting on fear caused by the oracle
  - A. Laius and Jocasta act on selfishness and pride created from fear
    - i. they hear their oracle and try to kill their son
    - ii. they believe they have been successful
    - iii. the shepherd takes pity (another emotion) and saves Oedipus
  - B. Oedipus hears his oracle and acts on fear
    - he flees from his adoptive family in order to avoid his fate
- III. Acting on anger destroys relationships
  - A. Oedipus kills his father in a rage when he runs him off the road
  - B. Oedipus' anger at hearing Tiresias predictions
    - i. loses a trusted friend and advisor
    - ii. begins to become suspicious
  - C. Oedipus' anger at Creon backing up Tiresias
- IV. Acting on emotions after all is revealed = effects
  - A. Jocasta kills herself
  - B. Oedipus stabs out his eyes and will be alone without his daughters because of how he treated Creon
  - C. Cursed family
- V. Conclusion