



ANSWERS

1. A prophet tells Oedipus that he is going to kill his father and marry his mother.
2. Oedipus thinks that he can escape this fate by leaving home.
 3. As he is traveling, he kills a man.
4. Later, he marries the queen of Thebes. As the play unfolds, he realizes that the man he killed was his father and the woman he married was his mother.
5. When he learns the truth, he is so appalled and devastated that he blinds himself. The murder and incest are the result of Oedipus' hubris in thinking that he can outsmart his fate. He walked right into making the prediction come true BECAUSE he thought he could take action to avoid it.