Oedipus Rex study questions

Complete at least two of the following questions for homework, ensuring that you include quotes and refer in adequate detail to events in the play to support your assertions. Half to one page on each will be sufficient.

1. Discuss the use of symbolism and imagery in Oedipus Rex and how it affects the audience’s response to, and understanding of, the play. You may choose to focus on symbolism such as sight and blindness or light and dark, and imagery such as blood and fire.

2. Explain the dramatic function of the Chorus in Oedipus Rex and trace their responses to events throughout the play. You may like to focus on how their emotions change in response to Oedipus’ actions.

3. Examine Jocasta’s character in detail. What is her function in the play?

4. Do you think Oedipus sees himself as creator of his own destiny? Explain, using evidence from the play.