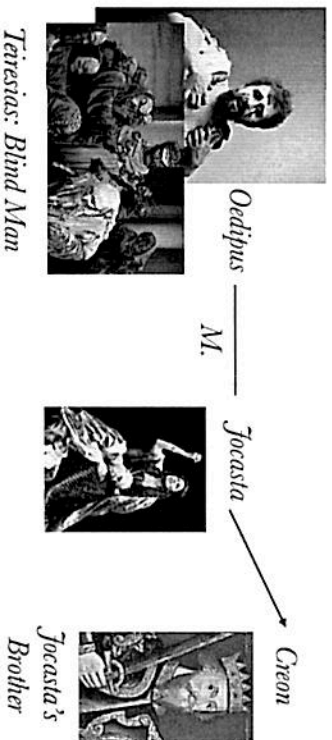


OEDIPUS REX

Important People, Places and Terms



CAST OF CHARACTERS



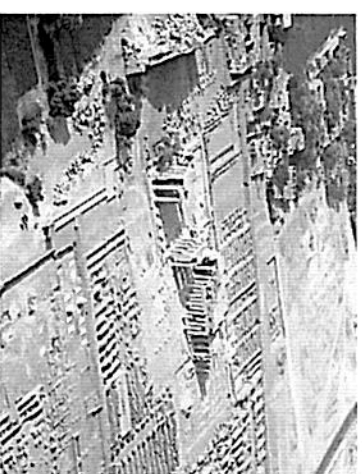
SOPHOCLES



- * Born 496 BC
- * 1 of Athens's great tragic playwrights
- * Wrote 123 Greek dramas
- * Born in Colonus
- * Father- Manufacturer of Armor



THE SETTING

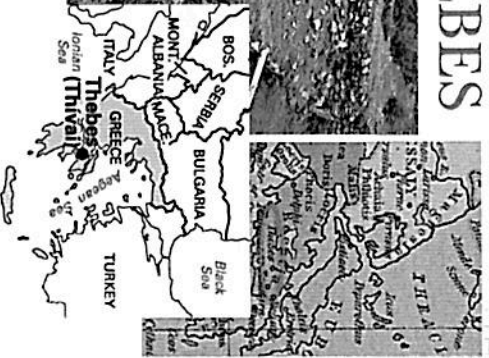


THEBES



**Important city in Greek Myth*

**Rival of Athens*



MOUNT CITHAERON



VIEW OF MOUNT
FROM NORTH CITHAERON



DELPHI



- * Archaeological site and modern town in Greece
- * Site originally selected by Zeus as he tried to find the center of Grandmother Earth (Gaia)

THRACE

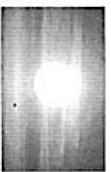


- * Region in Ancient World
- * Today: Bulgaria
- * 'Thrace' derives from heroine and sorceress Thrac

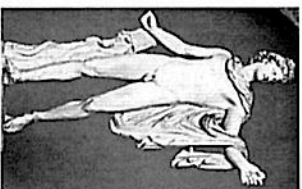
GODS, GODDESSES AND OTHER IMPORTANT PEOPLE



APOLLO



- * God of light, sun, truth, prophecy, healing, plague, music, poetry and more
- * Son of Zeus and Leto
- * Twin sister is Artemis the huntress
- * Also known as Phoebus Apollo

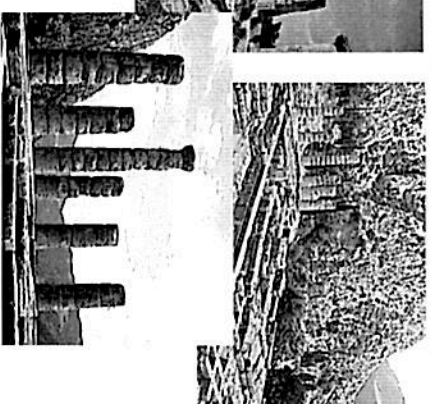


ZEUS



- * Father of Gods and Men
- * God of Sky and Thunder
- * Rules the Olympians of Mount Olympus

APOLLO'S SHRINE



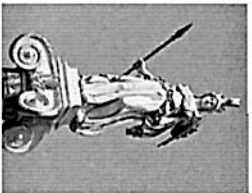
Built in 7th c. BC



ATHENA



- * Greek virgin goddess of reason, intelligence, arts, and literature
- * Daughter of Zeus
- * Sprang in armor from Zeus's head
- * Also known as "Pallas Athena"



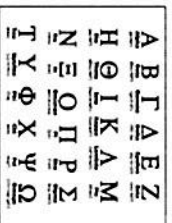
PALLAS'S DOUBLE ALTAR



CADMUS

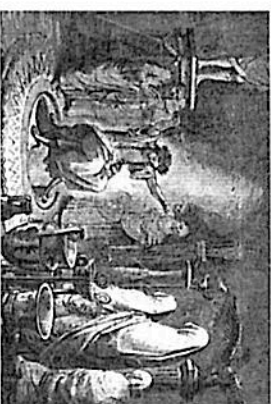


- * Founded the City of Thebes
- * Credited with introducing Greek Alphabet
- * "Carrier of the Letter"



ORACLE

- * A priest or priestess acting as a medium through whom advice was sought from the gods in classical antiquity.



PYTHIA

- * "Oracle at Delphi"
- * Priestess at the Temple of Apollo at Delphi
- * Delivered oracles in frenzied state induced by vapors from chasm in rock
- * New theories about vapors...



ARES

- * God of War
- * Son of Zeus and Hera
- * Known for Military Strategy
- * Represents Physical & Violent Aspects of War

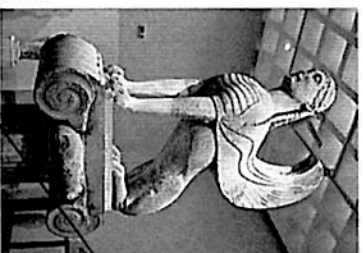


SPHINX

The Riddle of the Sphinx

What has one voice, and is four-footed in the morning, two-footed in the afternoon and three-footed at night?

Each time the Thebas gave a wrong answer, she ate one of them. Many perished. Creon then announced that he's give the kingship and Larinus's widow (Gocasta) to whoever solved the riddle. Oedipus, on his way from Delphi, gave the answer: "Man."

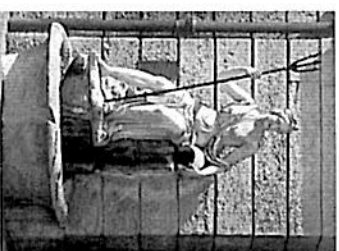


The sphinx threw herself off the acropolis and committed suicide



AMPHITRITE

- * Goddess of the Sea
- * Wife of Poseidon
- * Son is Triton



BACCHUS

- * Also known as Dionysus
- * The nature god of fruitfulness and vegetation
- * The god of wine
- * Son of Zeus



MAENADS

- * Female follower of Dionysus / Bacchus, god of wine
- * Roamed the mountain & performed frenzied dances
- * Believed to be possessed by the god.



AGENOR



- * Son of Poseidon