

Citation for *Oedipus the King*

Note: As with all longer literary works, the title of the play must be in italics, not quotation marks.

The text of a play is cited differently from traditional prose works. Because plays are often printed in many editions and anthologies, it is customary to cite the act, scene, and line number rather than the page number in your in-text citations.

However, the source that we are using does not contain these divisions. Therefore, the citation will simply be the line numbers for the quoted material placed within parenthesis; e.g. (310-320).

When quoting a conversation between two or more characters in a play, start the quote on a new line, indented one tab from the left margin.

Write the name of the first speaker in capital letters, followed by a period and the speaker's line(s).

Do the same for the next speaker(s) as necessary.

If the quote you are using for one of the speakers continues onto another line, it is indented with two tabs.

Example:

OEDIPUS. Ah, what net has God been weaving for me?

IOCASTÊ. Oedipus! What does this trouble you?

OEDIPUS. Do not ask me yet. First, tell me how Laïos looked,
and tell me how old he was.

IOCASTÊ. He was tall, his hair just touched with white; his form was
not unlike your own. (211-216)

Work Cited

Sophocles. *Oedipus the King*. Trans. David Grene. OER Commons.

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