



ANSWERS

a message communicated by a deity

in a story, a prophecy foreshadows important events in the plot without revealing the details of how it will happen.

that Oedipus will kill his father and marry his mother

He denies the will of the gods and tries to change his destiny. He then refuses to admit the truth of his situation until it is too late. These events need to be foreshadowed because if they were not, then the full significance of these events – that they occur in spite of Oedipus trying to deny his destiny – would not be fully understood by the audience. Part of the message of the story is that one's destiny cannot be escaped.