



ANSWERS

Sophocles

Oedipus unknowingly kills his father and marries his mother.

Yes. He is of noble birth. The audience becomes emotionally invested in him, fears him without losing respect for him, and pities him for how his story unfolds.

Yes. He is essentially good and traditionally of noble birth, he acts appropriately and consistently, and he is believable. The audience bonds emotionally with him. He has a tragic flaw that forces the audience to fear him without losing any respect for him; and the audience feels pity for him at the end.

pride

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.

Oedipus blinds and exiles himself.