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Period 8

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| Text | Reaction |
| "Tiresias: None of you knows and I will never reveal my dreadful secrets, not to say your own. Oedipus: What? You know and you won't tell? You're bent on betraying us, destroying Thebes?" (177)  "Creon: If you want my report in the presence of these people..I'm ready now, or we might go inside. Oedipus: Speak to us all. I grieve for these, my people, far more than I fear for my own life." (163) | Oedipus is showing that he has a bad temper. The prophet carries great political power since anything she says will be taken as the truth to some degree. What Oedipus has done is incurred the wrath of the prophet, which only make things worse since she can just say or make up Oedipus's secret to have him thrown out.  Oedipus is being a bit of a foolish leader here. As far as the audience knows, Oedipus has no idea what Creon will say. If Creon can say what he wants in front of the audience, he can create disorder or set the stage for the prophet later in the play to accuse Oedipus in front of the public |