

# Levi-Strauss on the Oedipus Myth

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<b>Overemphasis on blood relationship</b>	<b>Underrating of blood relationship</b>	<b>Denial of Autochthonous Origin of Humans</b>	<b>Persistence of Autochthonous Origin of Humans</b>
<b>Cadmus seeks Europa</b>			
		<b>Cadmus kills the dragon</b>	
			<b>Spartoi="sown men"</b>
	<b>Spartoi kill one another</b>		
			<b>Labdacos = "lame"</b>
			<b>Laios = "left-handed"</b>
			<b>Oedipus= "Swollen footed"</b>
	<b>Oedipus kills his father</b>		
		<b>Oedipus kills the Sphinx</b>	
<b>Oedipus marries his mother</b>			
	<b>Eteocles and Polyneices' joint fratricide</b>		
<b>Antigone buries Polyneices</b>			

**To TELL the myth disregard the columns and read the rows left to right.  
i.e., tell the story CHRONOLOGICALLY**

**DIACHRONIC**

**To UNDERSTAND the myth, disregard the rows and read the columns left to right.  
i.e., tell the story THEMATICALLY**

**SYNCHRONIC**