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The Tragic Hero

A tragedy is a drama that has an unhappy ending, which usually involves the downfall of a main character. This character is known as the tragic hero. Several attributes serve to define a tragic hero. Among these are the following:

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- possession of admirable qualities
- sympathetic response from audience/readers
- possession of a single flaw or existence of a past mistake
- the flaw or mistake usually brings about the demise of the character



Directions: Answer the following questions using complete sentences and examples from the text.

1. In your opinion, who is the tragic hero in this play? Is there more than one? Explain your choices.
2. What mistake or flaw characterizes this hero or heroes?
3. What about this hero or heroes is admirable, in spite of the flaw or mistake?