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Final Examination

Answer two of the following questions:

1. "For so the divinity spun his thread for him." Discuss the implications of this statement as revealed in two of the following books: The Odyssey, Oedipus the King and the Aeneid. Explain how the major characters(heroes) in the books you choose reacted towards their predestined life.
2. Happiness is the ultimate aim of human life according to Lucretius and Aristotle. How does each of them define happiness? How would you define happiness?
3. In his relationship with Dido, Aeneas was guided by his mind and his sense of duty, whereas Dido surrendered to her heart and passions. Compare/contrast their reactions. Of the two whom did you admire more?(Explain why). Of whose behaviour would Plato approve?(Explain why)

