

You do not have to turn in your answers, but the answers are good to know.

Antigone Study Guide

The Prologue & Parados:

The Prologue reveals a major conflict between which characters?

What is Creon's decree?

Why does Antigone believe Polyneices deserves a proper burial?

What is the setting of *Antigone*?

For what does the chorus express hope?

How does Ismene serve as a **foil** to Antigone?

What personality traits make Ismene an effective **foil** for Antigone?

Antigone: Scene 1 and Ode 1

What are **not** in conflict with each other in Scene 1?

What is unusual about Polyneices' "burial"?

What is the theme of Ode 1?

What values does Creon express?

What role does the Choragos play in Scene 1?

Which event heightens the suspense in Scene 1?

Which of these prevented Polyneices' burial?

Which basic theme in classical Greek drama is explored in Scene 1?

What **dramatic irony** lies in Creon's declaration that anarchists are behind Polyneices' burial?

Antigone: Scene 2 and Ode 2

Upon delivering Antigone to Creon, the Sentry feels what?

What fundamental principle does Antigone proclaim in her confrontation with Creon?

Creon accuses Antigone of double crimes. What are they?

Creon's growing irrationality and abuse of power are shown by what?

In Ode 2, to what does the Chorus compare Antigone?

Which character in Scene 2 lacks heroic qualities?

The Sentry describes Antigone returning to her brother's corpse as would what?

What is Creon's **motive** in arresting Ismene?

Antigone: Scene 3 and Ode 3

To dispute his father's view of government, Haimon compares the state, as Creon sees it, to what?

What is Creon's attitude toward Antigone?

How does Haimon try to persuade his father to change his position?

The Chorus in Ode 3 comments on what?

What is the main cause of Creon's refusal to pardon Antigone?

What does Haimon tell Creon in this scene?

Which Greek deity is mentioned in Ode 3?

What does Creon decide to do during Scene 3?

Antigone: Scene 4 and Ode 4

In Scene 4, Antigone sees her untimely death as a consequence of what?

What metaphor does Antigone use to describe her tomb?

What does Antigone hope that Creon will do?

In the last few lines of Ode 4, the Chorus places responsibility for Antigone's death on what?

The Chorus says that Antigone did what?

Which image does Antigone use for the crime of Oedipus and its curse on her family?

Which word *best* describes the **tone** of Scene 4?

Whose "voice is like the voice of death" according to Antigone?

Antigone: Scene 5, Paeon, and Exodos

- What does Haimon do just before killing himself?
 - Which of the following events did **not** take place?
 - Which god is addressed most prominently in the Paeon?
 - In the end, who does Creon blame for the death of Haimon?
 - In the Exodos, who reveals the tragic outcome of the play?
 - The main **conflict** in Scene 5 takes place between who or what?
 - Which is a **theme** expressed by the Choragos in his final lines?
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Make sure you know all the Words to Own! Look for all the underlined words in the text that have definitions included with them. If you don't know what the word is, make sure you know the definition and how to use it in a sentence for the test.

These words include but are not limited to the following list:

deference	recoils	repulse	sententiously
wrath	transgress	sated	lithe
vigil	piety	swagger	insolence
calamity	somberly	comprehensive	waver
malicious	defile	senile	transcends

Know how the characters are related and what happens to them from beginning to end. Who are these people and gods? What do they have to do with the story?

Danae	Creon	Jocasta	Eurydice
Ares	Antigone	The Sentry	Creon
Antigone	Eteocles	Menoikeus	Haimon
Niobe	The Choragos	Creon	Aphrodite
The Chorus	Polyneices	Oedipus	Ismene
Dirce	Megareus	Teiresias	Zeus

The study guide questions are not due at any time. You can do with them what you please.

Please note: You do have an additional assignment
DUE at the beginning of class on Tuesday 4/27/10!

Make sure you write at least TEN questions of your own for the review game we will play. You will need to ask a valid question that pertains to the text and write the answer, as well as the page number where we can find it.