

Small Group Assignment for *Antigone*

You may discuss the assignment as a group, but EACH member of your group should complete the assignment ON YOUR OWN PAPER.

Read the "Prologue" on pages 1022-1024 and complete the following:

1. In this scene, Antigone and Ismene are arguing about whether or not their brother Polyneices should be buried. List the reasons each character gives in support of her argument.
2. Evaluate their arguments. Which character's argument do you feel is the most effective? Why?
3. An appeal to logic is a reason that appeals to someone's brain or intelligence. An appeal to emotion is a reason that appeals to someone's heart or emotions. Examine both characters' arguments again. Which character's arguments has the most appeals to logic? Which character's argument has the most appeals to emotion? How does the character's use of appeals to logic or emotions fit her argument?

Read the "Parodos" on pages 1024-1025 of the literature book and complete the following:

1. In this ode, the chorus is explaining what happened during the battle between Thebes and Polyneices. Whose side does the chorus appear to be on? Which lines support your opinion?
2. The chorus uses literary devices like imagery, personification, and metaphors in these lines to describe Thebes and Polyneices. Create a chart like the one below and list the literary devices used to describe Thebes and Polyneices. Then, explain what each literary device suggests about both.

Thebes	Polyneices
"...rose like a dragon..." implies that Thebes is...	"...wild eagle screaming insults..." suggests that Polyneices is ...