Name:

 **Antigone Questions**

Why does Antigone feel it is her duty to bury Polyneices? Why doesn't Ismene?

What does Ismene mean when she says, "We are only women; we can't fight with men?"

Why does Antigone say her crime is holy?

Ismene says, "Impossible things should not be tried at all." If this were so, how would the world be different?

Why does Creon refuse to bury Polyneices?

Creon threatens to torture the sentry before killing him if his order is disobeyed. What does this indicate about his ability to govern?

Why does the sentry bring Antigone to Creon despite knowing she will be executed? Is the death penalty a fitting punishment for Antigone's crime? Explain. How does she defend herself?

Why does Creon include Ismene in the sentence?

What does family loyalty have to do with Creon's insistence on carrying out the sentence? What does he hope to prove?

Teiresias tells Creon, "The only crime is pride." What does he mean by this? How can pride lead to faulty judgment?

Explain the deaths of Antigone, Haemon, and Eurydice. Why did they consider suicide an "out"?

What measures could each have taken to effectively deal with their situations?